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War criminal law facing new delays

By
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TORONTO —
It could be months before legislation comes into effect allowing for the prosecution of Nazi war criminals in Canada, spokesmen for leading Jewish organizations said last week.

Speaking shortly after Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn withdrew a bill that would have amended the Criminal Code and closed Canada's borders to war criminals, David Matas said the proposed legislation will now have to go to a legislative committee for study.

That process could take months, said Matas, lawyer for B'nai B'rith Canada. However Stephen Beatty, Hynatyshyn's chief of staff, suggested the committee stage, where the proposed amendment is examined clause by clause, could take only a few weeks. "It can in fact be very brief if the committee is intent on keeping a tight schedule for itself," Beatty told The CJN.

Both Matas and Jack Silverstone, national executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, expressed their organization's distress at the turn of events. However both said they would continue efforts to push for legislation that would see Nazi war criminals brought to justice.

Prior to the withdrawal by Hnatyshyn of the bill, it had appeared the legislation would receive all-party support and become law prior to Parliament's summer recess, which began July 1.

However two backbench Conservative MPs, Andrew Witer (Toronto Parkdale-High Park) and Alex Kindy (Calgary East), both of whom have sizeable East European populations in their ridings, said they would not consent to the legislation as it stood. Without unanimous approval of all Members of Parliament, the bill would have to go through committee hearings.

According to Silverstone, "Hnatyshyn tried to convince them this was a good and important piece of legislation and should be passed."

However neither MP budged. According to the Globe and Mail, Kindy was determined to delay passage of the bill and force it to committee. And on June 30, the last day prior to Parliament's summer recess, Witer proposed five amendments.

According to Silverstone and Matas, neither Congress nor B'nai B'rith objected strenuously to four of the five proposed amendments. The last, however, troubled both organizations as it would have banned reporting of trials of suspected war criminals until a guilty verdict was delivered.

"We didn't like that at all," Matas said. It would have removed one of the main purposes of a war crimes trial, its deterrent effect (that war criminals shouldn't go unpunished) and its educational effect,

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Holiday deadlines

So that the staff of The CJN can enjoy the annual vacation to the fullest extent, we're advancing the deadline for the July 23 issue to Friday, July 10 at 5 p.m. All editorial copy for the issue should be in our hands at that date.

Classified advertising deadline for the July 23 issue is Tuesday, July 14 at 4.00 p.m., and the display advertising deadline is Wednesday, July 15 at noon.

As announced earlier, we close down for vacation the last two weeks of July, which means there will be no issues on July 30 and Aug. 6.

Editorial deadline for the Aug. 13 issue (the first one after vacation) is Wednesday noon, Aug. 5.

Jury finds Barbie guilty

Applause greets verdict

LYONS (JTA) —
A jury of nine, five men and four women, found Klaus Barbie guilty on all counts of crimes against humanity last week. The 73-year-old former Gestapo chief, known as "The Butcher of Lyons," was promptly sentenced to life imprisonment, the maximum penalty under French law.

The jurors deliberated for little more than six hours before reaching their verdict. As the foreman intoned "guilty" to each of the 22 separate charges read by presiding Judge Andre Cerdini, the packed courtroom burst into thunderous applause. It was a release of emotions after hours of crushing suspense.

Klaus Barbie

Despite daily testimony by eyewitnesses and Holocaust survivors, Jews and non-Jews, each pointing to Barbie as the perpetrator of torture, murder and mass deportations, the outcome of the trial was far from certain when the closing arguments ended last Friday two months after the trial began.

There was concern among prosecution lawyers and plaintiffs that the jury might find mitigating circumstances: Barbie's age, his reported poor state of health, the 43 years that have elapsed since his crimes. Most of the jurors were born after World War II and none had any recollections of the war and the Nazi occupation.

Moreover, Barbie's lawyer, Jacques Verges had the last word. Brilliant, cunning and ruthless, he used the 2½ days before the end of the trial not to answer the charges against his client but to try to indict the victims. He accused the wartime organization of French Jews of collaborating with the Nazis. He charged that Israel, France and other colonial powers were guilty of atrocities as bad or worse than those of the Nazis.

On Friday morning and into the afternoon he attacked the evidence as unreliable and charged that key documents presented by the prosecution were forgeries. But in the end, Verges' appeared to be carried away by his own histrionics and at least a few jurors were visibly revolted by his attacks on Barbie's victims. One broke into tears.

• They found Barbie guilty of ordering the arrest

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Big celebrations planned for Israel's 40th anniversary

WASHINGTON (JTA) —
The 40th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel will be marked by a year-long celebration in Israel and the United States starting in September.

"The birthday celebration of Israel will be the biggest, largest birthday party ever," Asher Naim, minister for information at the Israel embassy, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Naim, interviewed at his office at the embassy, spoke excitedly about the plans which he is coordinating to include every Jewish federation, organization, synagogue and Jewish school, as well as the non-Jewish community.

He said that "everything produced for the American program will be shared with Canada (where activities are being organized by the Israeli embassy in Ottawa). There are no borders between us."

The American Jewish community is eager to participate, according to Naim. "The response everywhere has been 'oh yes, let's do the best,' " he added. "I'm so happy."

Howard Squadron, former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, is head of the U.S. National Committee for the 40th Anniversary which is under the auspices of the Presidents Conference, the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and the Council of Jewish Federations.

The 40th anniversary will be a major "milestone" in Israel's history since "40 years in Jewish tradition is a generation," Naim noted. He pointed to the wandering of the Jewish people for 40 years in the Sinai before they could go to the Land of Israel. For this reason, the celebration is particularly aimed at those 40 and under, who were born and brought up after the establishment of the Jewish State, Naim said.

This generation grew up in a world where the State of Israel is taken for granted. "They didn't know the excitement and the significance of the State of Israel to the survival of the Jewish people," he said.

The year-long celebration of the anniversary will stress that "Israel is not like any other country, it has a message, a purpose," Naim said. "Israel is today, more than the Jewish religion, the unifying factor for the Jewish people."

In Israel, the anniversary will be marked by a "recommitment" to the Declaration of Independence. All Israelis will be asked to sign the declaration, so that particularly, the 40 and under generation there, will feel part of the principles enunciated by their parents, Naim stressed.

Israel wants to stress three major themes during the celebration in the U.S. and Canada, Naim said. "The first and foremost is the increasing connection between Am Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael, between the Jewish people and the Land," he said. "The Land could only have been redeemed when the Jews came to the Land. The Jews could be redeemed only by the State of Israel."

Secondly, "we want to show what Israel has achieved in the last 40 years," Naim said. "We believe we have achieved miracles," the ingathering of Jews from throughout the world, the revival of Hebrew, the creation of a state, a free society, democratic institutions and a high technology economy.

To express these themes there will be programs in every community. A major event will be 2-hour program on national television featuring Israeli and American entertainers performing at the Sultan's Pool in Jerusalem next April 23.

There will also be a television documentary on Israel to be shown next spring.

An Israeli group will tour major cities presenting material that expresses Israel's culture.

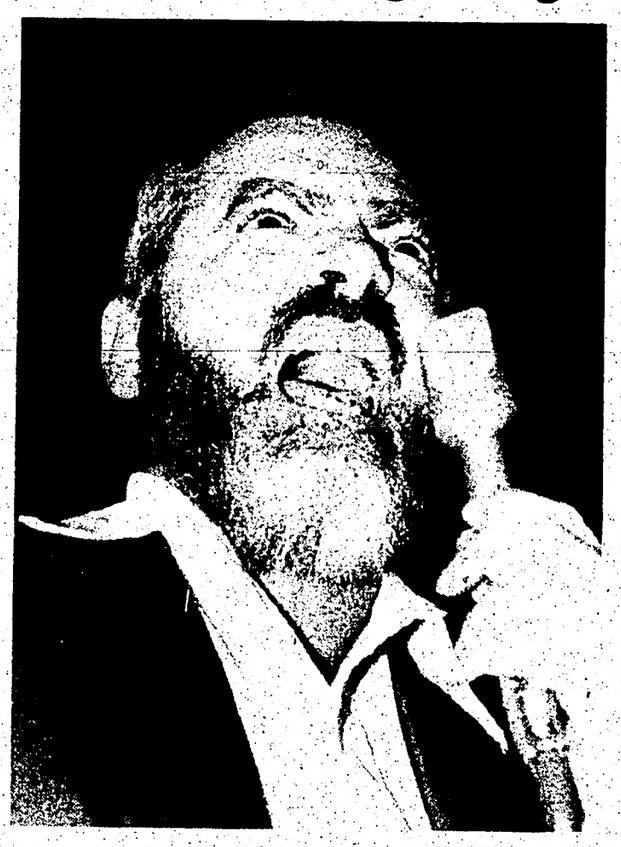
There will be seminars on various aspects of Israeli and American culture in many cities. A major program is planned for the Kennedy Center in Washington at which, it is hoped, the President and other government officials will participate.

Ban lifted on Kahane as MK pledges loyalty

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —
After consulting "the greatest rabbis in the country," Knesset Member Meir Kahane last week declared his allegiance to the Knesset and the state in the approved manner.

In a letter to Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel, Kahane said that the rabbis had ruled that "the fight to uphold the Torah and to bring about the kingdom of God on earth" made it imperative that he participate in the Knesset.

Thus ended a chapter of defiance which began in September 1984 when the extreme right-wing Orthodox rabbi, who was elected as the sole member of the Kach movement, qualified his declaration of allegiance with a verse from Psalms that made it clear that he placed halacha above the law of the land.



Meir Kahane...declares allegiance

A month ago, Hillel called on Kahane to repeat the declaration, but Kahane again added a few words from Pslams: "I shall observe God's law, forever and ever."

Hillel then barred him from the House chamber and stripped him of almost all his rights as a Knesset member, including his right to sit in the Knesset, participate in debates and vote. The ruling was upheld by the High Court again.

Hillel refused to call again on Kahane to repeat the declaration of allegiance after learning that the Kach leader intended to take the oath in a manner contemptuous of the Knesset.

He said that until he received a written undertaking that Kahane would declare his allegiance "without further trickery" he would not be called again. He also stopped Kahane's parliamentary salary.

Hillel said he had also made it clear to Kahane that his intention to make the declaration in Arabic — as a sign of his contempt for the Knesset — was unacceptable.

The use of Arabic "was not intended to express contempt, or to insult the Knesset, but rather to enable Arab Knesset members to express their views in their own tongue," Hillel said.

Hillel said, after the letter was received, that he was calling on Kahane in the hope that he would "make the declaration in full, and in all sincerity, thus honoring the House, the legislature, as required by law.

"I call upon him to come to the podium and say, after my reading of the declaration, 'I so undertake.' "

Kahane then stood quietly as Hillel read the declaration: "I undertake to be faithful to the State of Israel and to faithfully fulfil my obligation as a Knesset member."

"I so undertake," said Kahane.

And, without uttering another word or glancing at the Speaker, he turned and left the chamber.

World-National

The Pope had to hear our protest

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The day was warm; Ottawa was experiencing its full attack of mid-summer heat. But in the lovely and spacious surroundings of the apostolic nunciate — the embassy/residence of the Pope's representative to Canada — discomfort wore another garment.

Four of us, representing Canadian Jewish Congress, paid a visit on Archbishop Angelo Palmas to let him know of our distress over the courtesy Pope John Paul was about to extend to Austrian president Kurt Waldheim. By the time this column will appear that controversial visit will long be past and will have had its ample share of news coverage. At the time of our modest demarche Mr. Waldheim was just arriving in Rome, and though we were under no illusion that we could change the course of events we felt constrained to add our voices to those protesting in St. Peter's Square and assorted places all over the world.

Rabbi Plaut

Papal nuncio

The nuncio is a gracious man. When he had been asked by telephone to receive our delegation he immediately consented. When he saw us in the traditionally appointed drawing room of the embassy he made it clear that his response to our criticism would be that of the appointed representative of the church, and he recited for us the main points of the Vatican's defence: Waldheim had been democratically elected; the Pope's scheduled visit to Austria had to be preceded, by protocol, by a visit of the Austrian president to the Vatican; and most important, the visit was in no way related to Waldheim's wartime performance.

We spoke to the nuncio of the power of symbols, both in the world of religion and in the realm of politics. In the Pope's actions the two were wedded, and that gave them additional power. Whether or not it was intended, Waldheim's emergence into the world of respectability came at the hands of the Pope, and whatever the Pontiff's intentions, the visit helped to provide the prevaricating and wily Austrian with an imprimatur he desperately needed. Maclean's Magazine put it simply: "For Waldheim, the Vatican visit was a personal satisfaction."

Proper light

The nuncio listened attentively. There was no question that he was aware of our distress and its reasons, though it was not in his power to lessen it. His role is to be a spokesman of the Roman Catholic Church; he makes no policy and his own personal proclivities have no role in shaping it. When we were finished he asked that we prepare a written memorandum which he would transmit to Rome. He saw us out to the car and made it clear that he would be available to us at any time should we wish to see him again.

Was the visit worthwhile? Braving the heat and the discomforts of air travel could make one wonder, yet at the same time we also knew that we had no choice. We could not be silent and had to say our piece.

We would have wished, however, that the Waldheim matter would not be perceived solely — as it was in the media — as a Jewish-Catholic confrontation. After all, the Canadian government itself has officially stated that Waldheim is persona non grata here as he is the United States. That is Canadian policy, not just a private vendetta of Jews. So it was good to read that Toronto's Sister Mary Jo Leddy, together with two other prominent women abroad, signed a letter of protest to the Vatican. That was an important religious gesture which put the entire affair into its proper light.

Half of number 20 years ago, demographer says

Jerusalem Arabs have fewer kids

By
ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Despite the determination with which East Jersualem's Arabs have clung to their separate national identity since the Six Day War, 20 years of proximity to Israeli society have dramatically changed one of the most intimate aspects of their lives — the rate at which they have children.

According to Prof. Uziel Schmelz of the Hebrew University, Arab women in Jerusalem today bear less than half the number of children they did 20 years ago.

Schmelz, one of Israel's leading demographers, attributed the drop largely to emulation of the Western standards of fertility reflected by the Israeli population, including Israeli Arabs.

Moslem women in East Jerusalem averaged 9.7 children in 1967 (an average that includes women who did not bear children at all) while Christian Arabs averaged 6. By 1983, according to Schmelz, the figures had dropped to 4.5 and 1.8 respectively, and that rate has probably fallen since.

"The downward trend is continuing," he said in a recent interview. On the West Bank, by contrast, where Israeli influence is more remote, the figure has declined to only about 7 children.

Precisely the same trend is discernible among Israeli Arabs and Israeli Jews from Arab countries. The 1960 a peak in the fertility rate of Israeli Arab women as relative economic prosperity in the Arab sector permitted young men to acquire the money for "mohar" (the bride price) at an earlier age. The average was 9 children in 1970, but by 1980 this had fallen to 6 and today is 4.5 and still declining.

"There is a generational change," said Schmelz. The child-bearing population today was reared in Israeli conditions. The increased education of Arab women has been a primary factor in the towards fertility.

Among Israeli Jews, the marked disparity in the fertility rates of so-called Sephardim from Arab countries and Ashkenazim of European origin has virtually disappeared as the Sephardi rate has fallen sharply and the Ashkenazi rate has risen slightly.

In the mid-1950s, the former was 6 and the latter 2.4. Today the nationwide figure of 2.8 holds true for Ashkenazim as well as Sephardim.

It is the Ashkenazi factor that the demographer finds most startling, the rate having increased from 2.5 in the mid-1960s to 2.8.

"What is surprising is that the rate has grown among Ashkenazi non-haredi (non-Ultra-Orthodox) Jews in Israel, even though it is a population that knows about the use of contraceptives. I see this as reflecting a positive attitude towards life. Their average of 2.8 children is a whole child more than the average among white American women, which has been 1.7 since 1973."

The Jews of Israel, irrespective of origin, have a fertility that exceeds by far that of the Diaspora and of highly developed countries, says Schmelz.

The Jewish fertility rate of 3.6 in Jerusalem is considerably higher than the national average of 2.8, in good part because of the In Tel Aviv, the figure is 2.1.

A census of Jerusalem taken three months after the Six Day War showed 197,000 Jews, constituting 73.5% of the population, and 71,000 non-Jews, the bulk of them Arab. In 1985, there were 328,000 Jews, by now down to 71.6% of the population, and 130,000 non-Jews. There are today an estimated 470,000 residents.

Although Jerusalem's Arabs continue to have a higher fertility rate than the Jews, Arab migration from the city has considerably leveled the difference. Between 1983 and 1985, even in the absence of significant Jewish immigration, the Jews almost caught up with the Arab growth for the first time since 1967, the respective figures being 2.2 and 2.4.

Although the Christian population in the capital fell from 12,900 in 1967 to 11,700 in 1972, it has since risen, reaching 14,200 by 1985. Some 70% of Jerusalem's Christians are Arabs.

Synagogue Council head seeking to bridge gaps

NEW YORK (JTA) — Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, the newly elected president of the Synagogue Council of America (SCA) says that as leader of the organization he will strive to bridge the gaps and iron out the difference between the three major branches of Judaism.

"We are going to deepen the cooperation and understanding between Conservative, Orthodox and Reform Judaism," Klaperman said in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency shortly after his recent election to the influential post.

The SCA, which comprises the rabbinic and congregational branches of Conservative, Orthodox and Reform Judaism, "brings together on a daily basis the leadership of the three branches in Judaism," Klaperman pointed out. "Despite many differences among these constituent agencies, they continue to seek a community of interest and to focus on a wide range of moral and social problems which our society faces," he said. SCA represents 2,500 synagogues in America, has 3,500 rabbis and about 4 million members.

"The SCA," he added, "as a coordinating body, has been able to achieve a unique level of cooperation among these religious bodies. The SCA is the only national representative Jewish religious body that can speak today with one voice to the Christian world, to governmental agencies and to the United Nations."

Asked about the priorities and major challenges facing the SCA in the coming years, Klaperman said he sees a major task in making the synagogue once again "the central institution of the Jewish community."

Klaperman, who succeeded Rabbi Herbert Baumgard of Miami, and who has served Congregation Beth Shalom of Lawrence, NY since 1950, said that the SCA "is committed to strengthening the synagogue so that it be "a strong partner with federations, Jewish community relations councils and Jewish secular bodies — in addressing the challenges facing us as Jews and as citizens of the wider world."

The SCA acts as the representative Jewish religious voice to national and international Christian organizations, deals with Jewish concerns relating to social and humanitarian problems, and represents the Jewish religious community to the White House, state department, Congress and the United Nations.

On humanitarian and social issues, Klaperman said the SCA will intensify its efforts to address the needs of the Jewish terminally ill and their families. He pointed out that the SCA's first national conference on hospice for the Jewish community and its nationwide program of education, guidelines for synagogues, hospice newsletters which collect and disseminate information about developing Jewish hospice programs, "have stimulated synagogues."

Rushing endlessly rules everyday family life

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

ASPEN, Colo. — The morning stretches out leisurely. I sit here alone in a delicious high-altitude lethargy.

This is my first taste of role reversal. Today, I am the vacationing mother of a working daughter. This time she is the one with the appointment book and I am the one who fits into its free hours. I walk her up the mountain to work and come back to fall into the Sunday papers.

Above me is an aerial community of swallows. As I read, the heads of a dozen nuclear families are working at a frenetic pace. They fly frantically back and forth to the nests that hang together like a suburban housing development, in a row under the eave of a neighboring house.

I hear the cries of the insatiable and dependent young who live in those nesting nurseries. What is charming to my ear is, I am sure, as jarring as an alarm clock to their parents. Judging by the urgency with which these adults find and deliver food to their triplets and quintruplets, I can imagine just how programmed they are to respond.

In my own new found emancipation, I observe all this as an outsider to their species, and to their anxious parenting. But it doesn't take much for me to identify with this adult community. It doesn't take much to remember the long season of human dependency, the years when the vocal umbilical cord connected me to an infant's cries, a child's needs. The years when I felt about as much free will, as much choice, in responding to my own young as these birds.

Today I have this peculiar thought that I can't shake: What a cosmic trick it is that our young children are raised by the parents of young children. What a trick of nature that they spend their "formative years" with us while we are under the stress of caring for them.

It is a joke I would share with the parents in flight above me if they were not so busy with such serious stuff. But it's not just my joke. It's nature's.

I wonder what the view might be from the nest. What would the nestlings above me tell their psychiatrist if they got on some aviary couch? What would their impressions be of this time in family life?

Would they complain that their parents were always anxious, in a permanent twitter? That their parents never landed long enough to really "be" with them? Would our own?

Many of my friends are suffering, as I have, from too much of a good thing: children, work, marriage, friends. One tells me that most of her life with her children is spent rushing. Rushing them. Rushing herself.

There are days when she worries that she is merely processing her young — out of bed, into clothes, down to breakfast, off to school, back to bed — through weeks, months. My friend has this vision of entire childhoods going by in a blur of bad timing — not quality time, not quantity time, just a lack of time. When they grow up, will their childhood be one long blurred memory of hurrying? Will they remember her as anxious, atwitter?

It occurs to me that a fantasy of the parents I know, the one they indulge in at the office or late at night when the children are asleep, is not one of zipless sex. It is, rather, a fantasy of another sort of peak experience: effortless moments of mutual family pleasure that come when there are no more chores or demands, when we just are together and at peace. It is amazing how precious these moments are.

Will our own young have to become parents before they understand? It wasn't our wish to be rushed, our personality alone; it was the stage in our lives — our mutual lives.

My friends' families and my own have an advantage over those nesting above me: the advantage of longevity and consciousness, conversation and change. Our relationships with our children go on when they leave the nest.

Nevertheless, on this easy mountain morning, I sit here smiling at the "joke" and wishing that the flight patterns in the sky above me didn't look quite so familiar.

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"Mail order" couple heartily recommends agency

Jewish Introduction Service sheps first naches

By
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OTTAWA —
The way Irwin Schweitzer sees it, it was the best $300 he ever spent. Kathi Kovacs feels the same way.

Schweitzer of Ottawa and Kovacs of Halifax might be called a "mail order" couple; they met by correspondence through the Jewish Introduction Service (JIS) and July 5 were married here at the Machzikei Hadas Congregation with Rabbi Reuven Bulka officiating.

They are the first couple introduced by JIS known to have married, said the program's chairman Rita Finestone.

JIS, which is based at Canadian Jewish Congress' national headquarters in Montreal, was founded two years ago and has some 400 singles on file. The fee for a 2-year membership in JIS is $300, although this may be reduced to as low as $70, according to ability to pay.

Schweitzer, a former Montrealer, and Kovacs applied to the agency in the spring of 1985. Neither, they say, had previously tried to meet someone through an introduction service.

Schweitzer, now 32 and a research associate currently working for a pharmaceuticals firm, saw an advertisement about JIS in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin Review.

Around the same time, Kovacs' father heard something about the service on CBC radio and called his daughter right away. "He had not been too keen on the boyfriends I had," she said.

"I was looking for someone who is intelligent and articulate, someone who didn't say 'you know' all the time," said Schweitzer.

Kovacs wanted a man who was "warm and caring and reliable, who would make a good husband. I knew I wanted him to be Jewish, but Halifax is a very small community. It was like inbreeding to marry someone from there."

Ironically, their introduction was delayed a while because Kovacs, now 30, was out of town — in Ottawa — where she was taking a course as part of the completion of her studies in psychiatry.

JIS's method is to match individuals according to their compatibility which is ascertained by a pair of in-depth questionnaires. The agency offers its members one prospective partner at a time, sending each the name and phone number of the other.

When she returned to Halifax at the end of July, 1985, she found the letter from JIS suggesting Schweitzer. A couple of letters and phone calls convinced Schweitzer and Kovacs that it was time to get serious.

The following month, Schweitzer flew to Halifax, the two had dinner and the rest is, well, history. "We really hit if off. It was love at first sight, but we were both cautious."

Caution was soon thrown to the wind. Between them they flew back and forth between Ottawa and Halifax once or twice a month, phoned each other four times a day, and wrote letters to fill the time in between.

"Sometimes we would talk on the phone for two or three hours. Our phone bills were enough to pay the gas for two cars for a year," Schweitzer estimates.

They met each other's families, Rose and Simon Schweitzer of Montreal and Dr. Leslie Kovacs of Halifax. Both were "thrilled" with their children's choices.

"Within about three months we knew it was inevitable that we would marry," they agreed. Last August, exactly one year after they first met face to face, Schweitzer proposed to Kovacs. "I was not surprised; if he hadn't I would have," she recalled.

The only thing delaying the big day was the fact that Kovacs had another year left in her medical residency. "Impulsively," she decided to leave Halifax and complete her residency at the Ottawa General Hospital.

At the beginning of July, she was hired at the Royal Ottawa Hospital. Her new post has meant a honeymoon has had to be postponed till the fall when the newlyweds hope to spend a week at country inns in Vermont and New Hampshire.

Schweitzer and Kovacs, naturally, do not hesitate to recommend JIS to any Jewish single.

Finestone said that while, Schweitzer and Kovacs are the only couple JIS introduced whose marriage has been confirmed, the non-profit service can take credit for "probably a couple of dozen" serious matches during its history. "Two years is not a long time for people to decide to get married," she added.

JIS was established with funding from the Jewish Community Foundation of Montreal, but is national and even international in its scope, operating completely by mail. Finestone said applicants have come from as far as the Yukon and the United States.

Inter-city matches, however, have not been numerous. Most people specify they do not want to travel more than 10 miles to meet someone, she said.

One of the surprises has been that most of the applicants are young — the men aged 25-38 and the women 30-40, with a fairly even ratio between the sexes. Older women, however, outnumber men and there is a shortage of males in their 50s and 60s.

Finestone fights for Canadian action

End Waldheim UN pension: MP

MONTREAL —
Kurt Waldheim may view World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman as his chief foe, but there is a backbencher in the Canadian Parliament who has made it her personal crusade to make life as uncomfortable as possible for the Austrian president.

For the past year, Sheila Finestone, Liberal MP since 1984 for the Montreal riding of Mount Royal, has been hammering away at the government to have Canada voice its disapproval of Waldheim's Nazi past a little louder. Getting anyone to listen has come slowly, but her message seems to be beginning to sink in.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and External Affairs Minister Joe Clark have recently said Waldheim would not be invited to this country for any official visit. Clark has also said the government would look into the possibility of cutting off Waldheim's UN pension payments.

In April, close to the date of the Holocaust commemoration Yom Hashoa, Finestone once again rose in the House of Commons to ask that Canada vote against payment to Waldheim of the $81,650 (U.S.) annual allowance he is collecting as a former secretary-general of the United Nations.

Sheila Finestone

As she has in the past, Finestone observed that Waldheim's wartime "activities are contrary to the very heart and purpose of the UN" and the awarding of the retirement allowance is at the option of the international organization.

Clark replied that Canada is raising the matter at the UN, and he will advise Finestone of further developments. This was not good enough for the MP, who reminded the minister that he had given her the same answer almost a year ago.

Moreover, Finestone continued, what ever happened to the international investigation of the allegations against Waldheim she had suggested Canada initiate at that time as well?

Clark responded that the answer is the same as it was the first time the honorable member raised the question. "We are conducting inquiries. We have been in touch with officials of the UN. We are in touch with officials of other countries.

"As she (Finestone) should know, because she has shown a steady interest in this question, her question would require a more detailed reply which I do not have at hand at the moment. However, I will get it into my hands and then into hers."

In June of last year, just after Waldheim was elected president of Austria, Finestone called upon the government to instruct Canadian UN Ambassador Stephen Lewis to immediately press for a "thorough, independent, international investigation" of the allegations made by World Jewish Congress — and since corroborated by the U.S. justice department — that Waldheim, as a German army officer during the World War II, participated in "activities amounting to persecution" of Jews and others in Greece and Yugoslavia.

As she said at the time, and still feels, "I am personally affronted that any person who may be connected with Nazi war crimes should be elected as president of any nation.

"As a Canadian, I am also concerned that a cloud of uncertainty now hovers over the head of a respected international body, the United Nations, where Mr. Waldheim once served as secretary-general (1972-82).

"For the sake of all those who suffered at the hands of the Nazis, let us clear up these open wounds and this nasty issue."

In the interim, she added, Canada should seek access to the files on Waldheim of the UN War Crimes Commission.

Last October, she questioned Clark on the progress, if any, the government has made in determining what action it would appropriate for Canada to take on the Waldheim affair. Clark's reply was, in effect, that the government is still considering the allegations against Waldheim and the information available.

Finestone has been corresponding with U.S. Senator Daniel Moynihan, who introduced legislation that would bar Waldheim from receiving his UN pension.

The resolution called for the U.S. ambassador to the UN to introduce an amendment to the current UN budget that would eliminate Waldheim's retirement allowance on the grounds that he would never have been elected secretary-general if he had not concealed his past. Moynihan, a New York Democrat, is a former UN ambassador himself.

"We cannot, of course, undo the years Waldheim served as secretary-general. At the very least, however, we can and should cease to reward Waldheim for his years of deception," Finestone said. "Surely, this is the very least our country can do to express its dismay over Waldheim's decision to conceal his past from the UN."

Finestone, whose primary job is Liberal communications critic, hopes she will eventually succeed, despite the feeling sometimes she is a lone voice in the wilderness. Two years ago, she was practically laughed out of a justice committee meeting when she suggested the Criminal Code be amended to permit prosecution of Nazi war criminals in Canada.

She was vindicated. The recommendation made by Justice Jules Deschenes in his report is patterned on the motion made by Finestone, who is in fact given credit for the proposal.

MULRONEY MEETS CJC DELEGATION

A senior delegation from Canadian Jewish Congress recently met with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney to discuss a broad range of issues of concern to Canada's Jewish community. From left are: Dorothy Reitman, CJC president; Mira Koschitzky, chairman, national executive; Alan Rose, executive vice-president; Jack Silverstone, national executive director; Alan Feld, associate chairman, national executive; and Mulroney.

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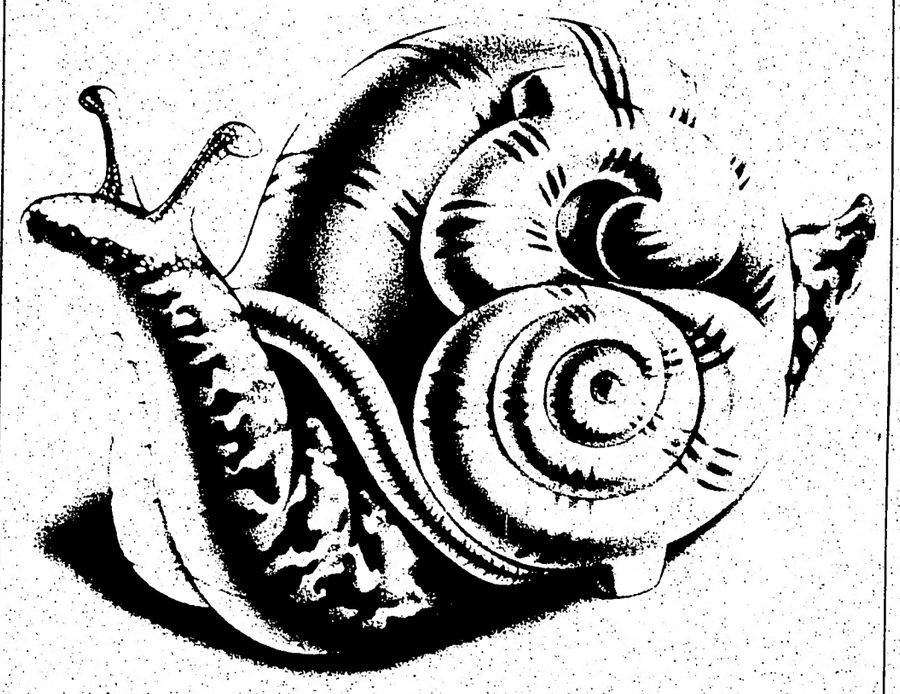

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Should the Pope have met with Waldheim?

"Tell me who your friends are, and I will tell you what you are." Most name-droppers understand the meaning of this maxim. Suppose, then, that we judge the Pope's action in that light.

Rabbi Burak

His Holiness is at home to a Yasser Arafat. Does that make sense? Should the hand of the church have anything to do with one who heads a terrorist group? Should he know that man? Should he speak to him? Should he receive him? Common sense would say, No! But, we are an area which stands above common sense.

In recent days, this writer was asked whether he was claiming infallibility for himself, or for the rabbinate. Another gentleman reminded me that only the Pope is infallible. The Pope's infallibility is surely in question on the basis of what has transpired in recent days.

But, perhaps we are at fault. Maybe, if we knew the premises of his thinking we would see the light. The Vatican has still not recognized the State of Israel. What so many nations did after seeing the horror of the concentration camps and the gas chambers has not yet been done by the Holy See.

Russia voted for the establishment of a Jewish state. The brokenhearted, the weary, and the heavy-laden were at last to have a place of their own. Home at last. Why would the Vatican not have any sympathy for this idea? The Evangelicals are thrilled by the establishment of the Jewish state. Why isn't the Vatican?

Can it be that medieval theories as to the state of the Jew have prevented the Vatican from accepting the existence of a Jewish state? There was a theory that dominated church thinking, at one time, that the Jew was doomed to a life of suffering.

Here is the way Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, president of Dropsie College, stated this theory on page 3, volume 1, The Jews in Spain: "The church . . . developed the theory — terrible in its practical implications — that the continued existence of the children of Israel was part of a divine program of vengeance and retribution; the Jews were . . . branded and stigmatized to hear everlasting the guilt of the crucifixion. . . ."

According to Dr. Neuman: "The canonical laws and church legislation, systematically aiming to reduce the Jews to a state of degradation, flowed naturally and logically from the unnatural premise." Maybe, the strange actions of recent days are not strange at all. They flow "naturally and logically" from this strange premise.

The Sages of the Talmud had other principles which should guide good men in their thinking. They were careful not to sit down with men whose patterns of life and thought were strange. They would not talk in public with anyone whose standards were not impeccable.

The Talmud, in Tractate Yoma, 9B, tells us that Resh Lakish was very careful in this regard. The credentials of a man had to be impeccable before he would talk to him in public. The result was "that whoever Resh Lakish spoke with in the marketplace would be loaned money even without the presence of any witnesses" to attest to the transaction.

Would Resh Lakish talk to a man like Waldheim? What matters is that a majority of Austrians elected him? Election is no proof of innocence. The blood of innocent men and women stained Waldheim's hand. That stain won't wash off.

Jeremiah, Chapter 2:22, has a statement about unclean hands: "For though thou wash thee with nitre, And take thee much soap, Yet thine iniquity is marked before Me, Saith the Lord."

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Soviet cancer patient dies in Toronto

Fighting spirit kept Mariasin alive

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO — Lea Mariasin died as she lived — surrounded by her family.

The Soviet cancer patient died June 30 at Toronto General Hospital, where she had been hospitalized for several weeks as her condition deteriorated. About a week before she died, Mariasin suffered a stroke and lapsed into a coma, from which she never awakened.

Friend Joyce Eklove, who met Mariasin, her husband Alexander and younger daughter Faina five years ago when she visited them in Riga, said that the family including older daughter Rita Yoresh of Israel was with her constantly.

After 15 years of refusal, the Mariasins were permitted last February to join her sister and brother-in-law Mara and Eugene Katz here. This successful bid for medical treatment was due to the efforts of the Katzes, B'nai B'rith Canada and the Canadian government.

"Brave front"

"She was unconscious the last week but the family had a sense of communication with her ... she seemed to react when they spoke to her."

This did not surprise Eklove, who called Mariasin a wonderful, caring woman who "always put on a brave front. Even when she was in pain, when anyone asked her how she felt, she always said a bit better than yesterday."

Eklove said Mariasin took great pleasure in the forthcoming arrival of her nephew Leon's first child — her sister Mara's first grandchild.

"She often patted Linda's stomach and said she couldn't wait for the baby to be born."

The child, a boy who at press time had yet to be named, was born the day Mariasin died.

Mariasin was the fourth of the original six members of the International Cancer Patients Solidarity Committee to die in the past few months.

"The quality of her life could have been so much better if they had allowed her out earlier.... She arrived in a wheelchair and was literally unable to get out of it."

Eklove said the Mariasins' dream was to go to Israel where their daughter Rita has lived for the past 15 years with her husband and 2 children. The younger child will be bar mitzvahed this fall about the same time the couple would have celebrated their 40th anniversary.

Montreal oncologist Dr. Gerald Batist, the co-founder of the solidarity committee, told The CJN that Mariasin had a "fairly indolent (slow-growing) myeloma which reached a stage of rapid progression after she arrived here. She demonstrated a resistance to certain drugs.

"She lost a lot of time. Her illness — diagnosed about five years ago — was held in abeyance by her husband's skill in learning medical treatments ... they made a lot of clinical decisions together."

Batist, who flew from Montreal's Mirabel Airport to Toronto International Airport with the family last February, recalled that she refused to give in to her condition.

"She tried to keep pace with us and we found it hard to get her to stay in her wheelchair. She displayed a certain strength of character that helped her survive all the years."

Batist said she was a courageous and determined woman who came to Canada with a fighting spirit not only for herself and her family but also for the Refusenik community of Riga, to whom she opened her house and her heart.

The Mariasins are seen at a press conference last February at Toronto General Hospital. From left are Faina, Lea and Alexander. Behind is Ralph Snow, president of B'nai B'rith Canada. [Graphic Artists photo]

From the airport, she was taken directly to Toronto General Hospital where she was admitted for tests and chemotherapy for multiple myeloma. Although she was tired from the long trip, when Batist told her of the press conference, "she literally jumped up out of bed and went down to talk of not only her fight to leave the Soviet Union but of her friends still there."

Bundled in a pink bathrobe and slippers and sitting in a wheelchair attached to two intravenous bags, Mariasin told The CJN's Mark Dodick that: "I am very glad that I am in a free country. You must know what it is to be in Russia to understand what it means to be in a free country.

"But I am very sad to leave behind my sick friends. My heart aches to be in such a position."

At the funeral service conducted by Rabbi Joseph Kelman, family friend Ben Zion Shapiro gave the eulogy.

He said that it would be natural to feel anger that Mariasin's life was cut short when she had just been released from the Soviet Union and had rejoined her family.

"It was a tragic irony that only because of her illness was she released. At the same time we must remember that despite so many actions on behalf of Soviet Jewry, which are done on a large global scale, that these are people with hopes, aspirations, needs and relationships."

Shapiro said she was a tower of strength to her own family and her extended Riga family.

"She sustained them even in her illness. She was selfless and didn't want to burden people with her own pain. While in Riga, she helped her fellow Refuseniks by giving them a place where they could unburden and revitalize themselves to continue the struggle."

Shapiro stressed that it's important for everyone to channel their feelings into actions "and make this a better world — that would be a fitting tribute to her memory."

Kelman called Mariasin a person of great strength who gave strength to others.

"Even at this time, we have to have a sense of gratitude ... she touched the lives of others and made a difference in their lives."

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Soviet Jewish emigration for June was 790, the first time this year that the monthly figure has dipped below the previous month (871). The total to June 30 is 3,087.

Martin Penn, director of the Montreal-based Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, said that as this is the height of the vacation period, tickets to Vienna, where the emigrants are counted, are limited.

Penn said that in Leningrad there is a 3½ to 4-week wait for tickets and the delay in Moscow is even greater.

Among the recent group of emigrants is Mikhail Taratuta, 26, the son of long-term Leningrad Refusenik and activist Aba Taratuta.

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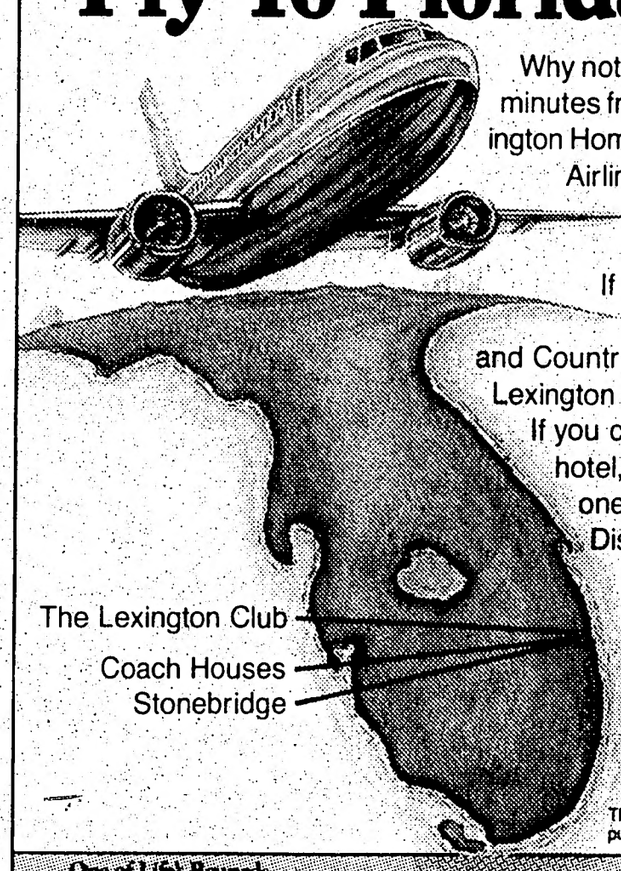

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Iran after Lebanon as "launching pad"

By DAVID RUDGE

ROSH HANIKRA (JPFS) —

Iran is determined to establish a bridgehead in South Lebanon regardless of local, regional and international considerations, according to the Beirut magazine Ash Shira.

In a recent article, the weekly, which broke the news of the U.S.-Iran arms deal, said that Iran's target was not only to rid South Lebanon of Israeli forces, but to use the region as a launching pad to "liberate" Jerusalem.

The newspaper, which in the past has been used as a conduit for conveying Iranian thinking, detailed the step-by-step approach by which the Khomeini regime hopes to implement its expansionist plans.

The Iranian intention, according to the article, is to fill the gap left by the Palestinians. To achieve this end, the Iranians intend to exploit to the full sectarian ties within the indigenous (Shi'ite) population of the south, as well as the political and economic instability in Lebanon generally.

In this respect Lebanon has all the basic ingredients to help the Iranians achieve their political aims, the paper stated.

It noted that Iranian efforts were concentrated on a geographical area adjacent to the Israeli border, where the population belongs to a sect (Shi'ite) which is religiously affiliated to the ruling regime of the Islamic Republic.

Ultimately, by utilizing these ties and Islamic revolutionary slogans to replace outdated Pan Arabism and Arab nationalism, the Iranians hoped to create, as the Palestinians before them, a state-within-a-state in South Lebanon.

The Iranians however, the paper reported, had learned from the mistakes of the Palestinians, who lost the support of the local population in the region they once ruled and, as a result, found themselves like "fish out of water."

The purveyors of the Islamic revolution, in sharp contrast, planned to make use of the local residents rather than subjugate them. In addition, the Iranians did not intend to sign any agreements with other states, like the 1969 Cairo accord which had restricted the Palestinians in their actions.

The Ash Shira article noted that the Iran-Iraq war was a major obstacle to Iran's expansionist plans in Arab countries. Lebanon, therefore, was the most suitable arena for demonstrating the viability of the Islamic Republic's revolutionary aims for the Middle East in general.

The essence of Iranian thinking on Lebanon was reflected by the latest operations of the Islamic Resistance, a pseudonym for the fanatical Iranian-backed Hizbullah, the paper added.

Sources in South Lebanon noted that the Iranians had been active in Lebanon since Israel's incursion in 1982. Initially they had sent elements of the revolutionary guards to assist in the fight against the Israeli forces.

This continued until Israel's withdrawal in 1985, and the subsequent establishment of the enlarged security zone in South Lebanon. Since then, Iranian emissaries, operating from Beirut and the Ba'albek region in the Bekaa valley, had been actively trying to win the support of the Shi'ite population in the south through a mixture of religious ideology and financial incentives.

Their success to date had been partial. The number of converts to Islamic fundamentalism however, was growing, especially among younger Shi'ites, despite opposition from the Syrians, their Amal Shi'ite proxies and more moderate factions among the local residents of the south.

BRAVVE REMEMBERED

Rimma Bravve (holding flowers), the Soviet cancer patient who recently died in Rochester (CJN July 2), is seen in this photo that was taken in December 1986 upon her arrival in New York. She is flanked by Montreal oncologist, Dr. Gerald Batist (left) and Leon Charny, the brother of Ben Charny, the last of the original six members of the International Cancer Patients Solidarity Committee still in the Soviet Union. Also in the picture are Bravve's sister Larissa Shapiro (far left) and mother Khana Anbinder (next to Charny).

Karl Linnas dies in Soviet hospital

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Accused Nazi war criminal Karl Linnas died last week of heart failure following surgery in a Leningrad hospital, according to the Soviet news agency TASS. The 67-year-old Linnas, a native of Estonia who had lived in Greenlawn, NY, for 30 years, was deported April 20 to the USSR, where he was sentenced to death in absentia in 1962 for war crimes.

Linnas reportedly underwent two operations for an unspecified illness at a Leningrad Interior Ministry Hospital, where he had been transferred last month from his prison cell in Tallinn, Estonia. His daughter, Ann Linnas, and his American attorney, former U.S. Attorney-General Ramsey Clark, visited him before he died.

Linnas' deportation came after several years of appeals following his denaturalization in 1981 for having lied about his wartime activities upon entering the U.S. in 1951 as a displaced person.

Demjanjuk opts to testify

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Suspected war criminal John Demjanjuk will take the stand in his own defence when his trial resumes on July 27 following a month's recess.

The Ukrainian-born former American citizen accused of operating the gas chambers at the Treblinka death camp opted to testify after criminal court Judge Dov Lavin advised him that he had a choice but "an accused who remains silent thereby strengthens the case against himself."

The recess was requested by Demjanjuk's American attorney, Mark O'Connor. He said he needed at least 30 days to prepare the defence.

Levin, who presides over a 3-judge panel hearing the case, rejected a defence motion that no case had been made against the defendant and therefore no answer was required. "We have to weigh the evidence contained in over 5,000 pages of protocol and 211 exhibits," Levin said. "You are asking us to wipe all this out. . . . No court in the world would admit that it had been careless to such an extent."

The defence contends that Demjanjuk was held by the Germans as a prisoner of war during the time he is alleged to have been the Treblinka guard known as "Ivan The Terrible" for his brutality. But more than a score of witnesses, including Treblinka survivors, identified him in court as "Ivan." The identification was corroborated by another former Treblinka guard whose testimony was taken by the prosecution and defence teams in West Berlin last month.

Shamir up in polls, Peres, Rabin down

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The popularity of Labor Party leaders Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin has declined while that of Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir is rising, according to a poll taken by the Pori organization during the second week of June and published in Haaretz.

Only 38.4% of the respondents were pleased with Peres' performance as foreign minister, down from 50% when he first took that office. When Peres was Prime Minister in 1985-86, his popularity rating exceeded 60% and at times was as high as 70%.

Defence Minister Rabin received 49.8% approval in the latest poll, down from 52.6% two months ago.

Shamir's positive rating rose to 30.3% compared with 26.1% in the last previous poll. Shamir's highest rating since he took office as Premier was 32.5%.

Israeli leaders mourn death of Shmuel Tamir at age 64

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Former justice minister Shmuel Tamir died recently at his Herzliya Pituah home. He was 64.

The nation's leaders, past and present, mourned the passing of Tamir, whom they praised as a leading jurist and statesman.

In a statement issued in Tel Aviv, former Premier Menachem Begin said: "I received with great sorrow the news of the death of Shmuel Tamir, a commander in the IZL (Irgun Zevai Leumi), and a prisoner of Zion, an exile in Africa, a distinguished jurist, a member of the Knesset and justice minister with many achievements."

Prime Minister Shamir said that "the people of Israel have lost one of the senior and best of its sons."

Former Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir called Tamir "a judicial man of the first degree.

"He fought for the establishment of the state as a member and commander in the IZL, but he was not satisfied with that and continued to fight all his life for a just society and a fair regime," Zamir said.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

(1) Which Canadian was first to be elected, in 1971, as chairman of Keren-Hayesod United Israel Appeal, the world wide fund raising body?

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(2) Name the Montreal rabbi who published a work on biblical zoology and served as president of the Natural History Society of Canada.

(3) Name the Canadian Jewish poet whose songs are sung around the world by popular artists.

ANSWERS:

(1) Phil Granovsky of Toronto.
(2) Rev. Abraham De Sola.
(3) Leonard Cohen.

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These questions and answers came from the book 6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview, Ont. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

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Former Israel Air Force officers accused

Major security scandal brewing over data theft

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Police have imposed a total news blackout on a major security scandal following reports that the Fraud Squad wanted those involved to be charged with treason.

At the same time, a Knesset member demanded a full-scale inquiry into the case, which involved the theft of highly classified information from the aeronautics department of the Haifa Technion.

Accused of stealing the secrets were three former Air Force officers who were studying at the university for their doctorates.

The alleged theft took place three years ago but only came to light last week. Two of the three are believed to be living in the United States, where they are working for the company to which they allegedly offered the information.

A police spokesman refused to respond to reports that the National Fraud Squad was pressing for treason charges.

"All I can tell you is that the details of the case have been handed over to the public prosecutor. Other than that we are not prepared to comment," she said.

In a letter to Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Justice Minister Avraham Sharir, Shinui Knesset Member Mordechai Vitshubski said that the three were suspected of copying top-secret computer software belonging to the Air Force after setting up a company to sell it abroad.

"They violated the security permits they were granted, held meetings with foreign military attaches and signed contracts with foreign companies," Virshubski alleged.

"According to reliable information in my possession," he said, "the police carried out a complicated inquiry into this affair that has grave security implications.

"This (stolen) software was, on the face of it, of supreme importance for state security."

Some of the information was found by police, said Virshubski, adding that he had further details which he would not put in his letter "for obvious reasons."

The thefts came to light when a Technion professor filed a complaint with the Air Force's field security unit. Police investigated and completed their probe two years ago.

Since then, complained Virshubski, several "serious developments" had occurred and the suspects were allowed to go free without any security limitations.

Israel Aircraft Industries continued with a contract it had with their company, even though it was aware of the investigation. And despite police objections, the suspects were allowed to leave the country.

"The public prosecutor has been dealing with this for two years, yet a prosecutor has only now been appointed. The matter must be brought to court at once and the suspects prosecuted for damaging state security," wrote Virshubski.

A spokesman for the Technion said that the three had been tried by the institution's disciplinary court and had been sentenced to three years' expulsion and heavy fines.

Agency urges Law of Return status quo

By
DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Jewish Agency Assembly ended a week-long session here with adoption of a resolution affirming that the Law of Return be "retained in its present form."

The resolution, carried by a large majority despite vociferous protests by an American Orthodox leader, Rabbi Louis Bernstein, was a flat rejection of efforts by the Orthodox religious establishment and their parties in the Knesset to amend the law to invalidate conversions performed by non-Orthodox rabbis.

It referred to and reaffirmed the text first adopted by the Assembly in 1985 that warned that "any change in the law of Return may fracture the unity of the Jewish people."

Another controversial resolution, adopted by a substantial majority, reaffirmed the Assembly's determination to channel funds only to Zionist educational institutions. It allows funding only "to those Jewish schools, programs, yeshivot and institutions . . . which recognize Zionist principles and support the State of Israel as the national and Zionist homeland of the Jewish people at this time.'

The text did not cite any specific Zionist criteria, but was clearly aimed at ultra-Orthodox yeshivas which are non-Zionist or challenge Zionism on religious or ideological grounds. A draft resolution critical of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors for not effectively enforcing previous resolution on the subject was voted down.

But the adopted text implied strong dissatisfaction with the board. It requires that "The appropriate board of governors committee . . . should oversee the allocations so that . . . this resolution will be carried out in a timely and appropriate way."

During an otherwise festive closing ceremony in the Knesset building, the Assembly unanimously passed a resolution deploring the meeting between Pope John Paul II and Austrian President Kurt Waldheim.

Electoral reform

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Thousands of Israelis have signed petitions demanding that Knesset members be elected on a constituency basis rather than by the present system of proportional representation.

The collection of signatures was organized by the Concerned Citizens Committee and the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI).

The petition will be presented to Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel before the House votes on electoral reform.

U.S. honors Perlmutter, Kaye

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — Nathan Perlmutter, national director for the past 11 years of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and the late Danny Kaye, a star in films, stage, television and radio, have been honored with U.S. Medals of Freedom by President Ronald Reagan.

At the White House ceremony at which the President and First Lady Nancy Reagan participated, the medal for Perlmutter, who is seriously ill in New York, was accepted by his wife, Ruth, while Kaye's medal was received by his daughter, Dena.

David Brody, the ADL's veteran Washington representative, said that the award to Perlmutter marked "the first time the Medal of Freedom has been given to the head of a Jewish organization for his work."

In honoring Perlmutter, the President said: "In Diary of a Cancer Patient, Nathan Perlmutter wrote 'Funny . . . what I feel I've accomplished. I married the prettiest girl. I made it to Marine infantry officer, wrote a few books, and became director of ADL.'

"That deprecatory voice is the voice of a hero for Mr. Perlmutter has made it his life's work to champion human dignity. He is a hero indeed — a hero of the human spirit."

Speaking of Kaye, the President referred to him as "an entertainer, humanitarian, and an individual who lifted the spirit of his fellow countrymen. His enthusiasm for life infected all who saw him. He spread laughter and good will, touching the hearts of people throughout the world, especially young people. He was a true professional, a star of film, stage, television and radio.

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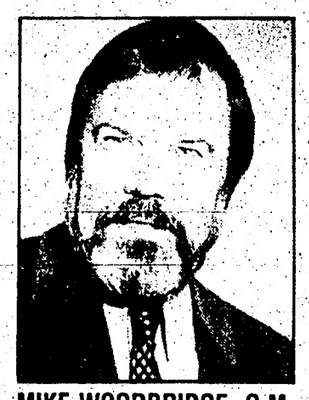

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

British troops were sent to Palestine to quell an orgy of Arab rioting July 11-13, 1938. Hostility to Jews and England smouldered with the subsequent outbreak of World War II and the apparent likelihood of a Nazi victory.

The 1938 riots were the latest wave ignited by the mufti (supreme Moslem religious leader) of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el Husseini. Riots, and bombings, stabbings and other isolated acts of terrorism, in 1929 and later claimed hundreds of Jewish victims, in Hebron, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and smaller centres. The British move of July 11 — an exception to the Colonial Office's general policy of accommodating Arab interests at the expense of the Jews — came only when local British economic and military sites were directly threatened by the mobs' total lack of control.

England soon restored the carrot in its dealings with the Arabs, at a time when appeasement was fashionable in Whitehall, with the publication of a white paper limiting total Jewish immigration to Palestine to 75,000 over the following five years.

Hoarded arms

The outbreak of WWII in September, 1939, saw the intensification of Nazi efforts to undermine England's rule in Iraq, Egypt, and Palestine. Germany's overrunning of France in 1940 created a possible military base in Vichy controlled Syria and Lebanon. Field Marshall Erwin Rommel began wiping out Allied Forces in North Africa, a tide from the west threatening to wash the English out of the Middle East altogether by the end of 1942. Arab reaction was described in a 1974 Israeli book, 200 Days of Anxiety, by Haviv Kanaan.

Arabs regarded Hitler, whom they dubbed Abu Ali, as their savior; the name was transferred to the approaching Rommel. They hoarded arms in preparation for a fifth column to at least nominally complete the Germans' work. "The masses spoke of looting, rape and murder," wrote Kanaan. "Many were already dividing up Jewish property among themselves. Arab communities were crawling with saboteurs and spies," among them the late Anwar Sadat.

Arab intellectuals and students took up German language courses. Youngsters openly rehearsed maneuvers to receive and shelter Nazi paratroopers. The mufti was feted and honored in Berlin as he suggested various methods by which to destroy Palestine's Jews.

Death camps

Described by a more recent commentator as "Yasser Arafat's predecessor," el Husseini lived luxuriously on an estimated $10,000 a month in his Berlin haven plotting a triumphant return to Palestine. According to documents presented by Kanaan, el Husseini planned to set up huge gas chambers in the Dothan Valley north of Nablus. Modelled on newly opened Auschwitz, they would annihilate not only the "Zionists" of Palestine but as well the Jews of Iraq, Egypt, Yemen, Syria, Lebanon and all of North Africa. The death camps were to be run by specially trained Arabs, leaving the Germans free for battlefield duty. Haganah chiefs interviewed by Kanaan said Palestine Jews feared bloody massacres by Arabs more than they did German troops.

The mufti, a confidante of Adolf Eichmann, was fired by a hatred for Jews that was impervious to practical consideration. He destroyed a plan to exchange 10,000 Jewish children for German civilians, arguing that the youngsters would grow up into soldiers against the Reich.

An element that was proving deadly for Jews in eastern Europe also reared its head in Palestine. Soldiers of Gen. Anders' Free Polish Army, who fled the German blitzkreig via the Soviet Union to the Middle East, included Jews and also unabashed anti-semites. The latter openly rejoiced when accounts of the Holocaust began trickling out of Europe. A sentiment expressed, according to Kanaan, was: "True, Hitler caused us great suffering, but he also gave us a priceless gift — we shall return to a Poland wiped clean of Jews." They sold local pro-Nazi Arabs their weapons.

Rommel's defeat in November, 1942 — with significant military and logistic help from Palestine's Jews — kept Arab sentiments from igniting into flame.

Experts meet to set up Canadian body

CJF forms endowment committee

TORONTO —

Tax experts, representatives from Canadian Jewish communities and the Council of Jewish Federations met recently as the CJF's Canadian Endowment Committee was launched.

Gathered in the law office of Goodman and Carr, the various groups met to identify the needs in the Canadian endowment field and to formulate a plan of action.

Jack Rose, chairman of the CJF Canadian Committee, said the initiative would provide "a major impetus and resource base for federations as they develop and expand their endowment potential."

The service will operate from the CJF Canadian office, 4600 Bathurst St., and will be directed by Bert Abugov. It will be chaired by Gordon Cooper of Toronto and Boris Stein of Montreal.

Each Canadian federation across the country has appointed several representatives to the committee. These individuals are tax professionals — lawyers, accountants and insurance brokers — with the expertise to advise federations on endowments.

From left: Boris Stein and Gordon Cooper, co-chairmen of CJF Canadian Endowment Committee; Bert Abugov, director of CJF Canadian office; and George Kessler, director of CJF Endowment Department, New York. [Graphic Artists photo]

Based on the requirements of the Canadian federations, three major initiatives are to be implemented. The endowment committee will provide consultation services to federations in developing and operating their endowment programs, will hold local, regional and national endowment seminars and institutes and will develop Canadian endowment material.

Other actions of the committee include the formation of an insurance sub-committee under the chairmanship of Al Brown of Toronto and a speakers' bureau chaired by Harold Buchwald of Winnipeg.

The Council of Jewish Federations is the continental association of 200 Jewish federations, the central community organizations which embrace a Jewish population of more than 5.7 million in Canada and the U.S.

Canadian delegation in Tiberias

Emunah women dedicate school

MONTREAL —

An Emunah Women of Canada delegation dedicated the organization's newest project in Israel, the Tiberias Regional High School, during a recent tour of the country.

This is a religious school for girls, the only one of its kind in the area and one of just a few that is academically oriented, enabling its graduates to enter university.

Among those present for the dedication were Emunah national president Bess Silber, project chairman Rose Svarc and Rabbanit Tzvia Goren, World Emunah president. "The highlight of my term of office has been the initiation of our affiliation with this school, undertaken at a time of heavy cutbacks in financial assistance in Israel," Silber said.

"This school is a model of excellent education imbued with the spirit of Torah, and it is incumbent upon us to keep this beacon of light shining in a world where our one hope is intensified religious education."

The delegation also dedicated the Joshua I. & Lilly Ronn Benefactors' Wall at the Neve Michael Children's Village, a long-standing Canadian Emunah project. The village in Pardes Chana is a residential school for orphans or children who cannot, for various reasons, live with their families. There are 80 Ethiopian orphans among the children in this village.

The wall was unveiled by Mrs. Ronn and Betty Orfus of Toronto, and contains the names of all the supporters of Neve Michael.

Forty members of Emunah Women (formerly Mizrachi Women) went on the tour of Israel, led by the organization's national director Roslyn Schneidman.

Other activities on the itinerary included receptions at the Canadian embassy and the President's residence.

Ambassador James Bartleman and his wife hosted the delegation soon after their arrival in Israel. The Emunah Women presented the Bartlemans with a Tanach.

"We could just feel the bonds of friendship and cooperation between Canada and Israel, as exemplified by this bright young couple."

At the President's reception, Chaim Herzog told the delegation that his late cousin, Genia Korn, was a member of Emunah's Montreal council. In fact, he presented the Genia Korn Award for excellence in Hebrew studies to Tamar Hanneman of the Tiberias Regional High School.

"He saluted Emunah Women for the invaluable assistance we confer on the state from the four corners of the globe," said Silber. Canadian Mizrachi president Kurt Rothschild delivered greetings as well at this reception.

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CANADA'S SENIOR JEWISH ORGANIZATION

Editorial

Changes in USSR

Reports reaching the West indicate that the policy of Glasnost initiated by Communist Party secretary Gorbachev is being maintained with impressive consistency in most sectors of Soviet society.

Voters in local elections are having the unusual experience of being able to choose among candidates, a revolutionary change in a society where formerly only one candidate stood for office.

In the artistic world a new liberalism seems also to be asserting itself. The Soviet film The Theme by Gleb Panfilov, was just recently released — seven years after it was completed.

The film, which deals with a Jew's desire to immigrate to Israel, won West Berlin's Golden Bear Award at the West Berlin International Film Festival. One of the characters in the film says: "I would rather die there (in Israel) of homesickness than here of hatred."

Other evidence of Glasnost includes the availability of Western newspapers in the large metropolitan hotels and the frequency of rock music in various entertainment centres.

And what of the effect of the Gorbachev policy on Soviet Jews?

There is evidence that exit visas for Soviet Jews have been increased considerably — not to the level of the early 70s, but better than the level of recent years.

Walter Ruby of The Jerusalem Post notes (June 27, 87) that customs officials at Moscow's airport seem to have relaxed their confiscation of Jewish religious books (although their Leningrad counterparts continue the practice).

According to Ruby, all the Prisoners of Zion, with one exception, have been released. Refuseniks in Moscow parade openly in front of government offices without fear of incarceration. The harassment of Hebrew teachers has also ceased for the time being.

It is interesting to note that Soviet Jews are by and large skeptical about the changes which have come about in Soviet society. Many fear that the Gorbachev era will be followed by a return to Stalinist persecution.

We hope not.

Eruv challenge

For more than 40 years now the Jewish community of Toronto has been a model on this continent for the furtherance of Jewish education, the maintenance of synagogues and other community institutions and, within the Orthodox sectors, the monitoring of kashruth.

Orthodox rabbis and their lay associates have compiled an enviable record of cooperation both in this latter category and on the question of the eruv. Since the end of World War II, thanks to the scholarship, piety and work of several prominent rabbis, observant Jews in Toronto have been able to carry a limited number of things on the Sabbath because of the eruv in this city.

Within the last year and a half, however, a group of rabbis in Toronto have taken it upon themselves to question the legitimacy of the current eruv and to warn their congregants about what they view as the impermissibility of carrying anything on Shabbat in Toronto.

The campaign to discredit the eruv has sown both confusion and discord among those elements of Toronto Jewry who respect, honor and observe Jewish law.

When the latter approach their own rabbinic leaders for guidance on this issue they generally receive imprecise answers or contradictory ones. This is a most unfortunate situation since the acceptability of an eruv is not something which can be decided on by ordinary laymen. Competent rabbinic input is necessary.

The issue of the eruv is a current concern in Toronto but it has ramifications which touch upon the organized Jewish community all across Canada because it raises the question of how challenges to the religious status quo should be handled.

In order to dispel so much of the confusion which has resulted from the Toronto problem, we urge the Orthodox rabbinate in this city to come forward with a definitive statement on the subject of the eruv. Let Toronto continue to be a model for the rest of Canada.

Joint patrols may defuse animosities

Tensions in Crown Heights

THE JEWISH WORLD

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Crown Heights, in Brooklyn, NY, is a neighborhood of broad, tree-lined streets, neat houses and small apartment buildings.

It is a multiracial neighborhood. Seventy- eight percent of its residents are Black, 10% are white and the remainder are Hispanic and Asiatic.

Virtually all the whites in this racially-troubled district are Orthodox Jews, followers of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Schneerson, who moved there from Europe after World War II. In the 1970s, after a bout of inter-communal turmoil, many whites fled Crown Heights. The Lubavitchers, who have their world headquarters on Eastern Parkway, stayed on, and grew.

Since then, the tension — which affects mainly Blacks and Jews — has ebbed and flowed.

The grievances both sides harbor are deep-seated.

• Blacks and Jews compete for the same housing in crowded Crown Heights, which is segregated in de facto terms. Blacks complain that the chassidic Jews try so hard to purchase Black-owned homes and churches that the efforts amount to harassment. Jews deny the accusation.

• They compete for annual municipal grants worth nearly $300,000, with Blacks saying that Jews get too much. Last year, Blacks got 60% of the funds and Jews received 33%.

• Security, of lack thereof, is the most serious source of strife. For years, the Crown Heights Jewish Community Council, in conjunction with the Chabad movement, has run security patrols in this relatively high crime are. The chassidim view the force as a necessity, contending that most of the victims of crime are Jews and that much of it is committed by Blacks. Blacks, in turn, charge that the patrols are antagonistic to them and are nothing but vigilante groups.

Long-simmering tensions came to a head recently when the home of a local Black woman was firebombed and two chassidic Jews were murdered. In the first incident, Blacks laid responsibility for it at the door of Jews. In the second, Jews blamed Blacks.

In April, two demonstrations took place. Blacks chanting "no justice, no peace," charge chassidim with setting fire to the home of the Black woman. Then members of the Jewish Defence League demonstrated in front of police headquarters demanding greater police protection. Black youths pelted them with eggs.

There seemed no way out of the ugly impasse until cooler heads prevailed. In May, Jews and Blacks met at City Hall and agreed to joint patrols under the sponsorship of Crown Heights' police precinct. Recruitment and training are matters that will be discussed in the immediate future.

The agreement may yet defuse racial animosities and bring a measure of calm to Crown Heights.

DOGGED KREMER

Charles Kremer was a determined man. A Romanian Jew who immigrated to the U.S. in 1919, he lost scores of relatives in the Holocaust. Knowing that some of them had been killed by Romanian fascists, he devoted a good part of his life in the pursuit of the murderers.

Kremer, a dentist, played a key role in uncovering the evidence that resulted in the deportation from the U.S. of Archbishop Valerian Trifa, a comparatively major war criminal. Trifa, who headed the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate in Grass Lake, Mich., was a leader of the anti-semitic Iron Guard that fomented a particularly grisly pogrom in Bucharest in 1941.

Deported to Portugal in 1985, Trifa died there earlier this year at 72, without having faced his accusers in court. Kremer himself died recently. He was 90.

THE END OF THE LINE

Readers of Midstream, the Jewish magazine published by the Herzl Foundation in New York City, will find a new editor's name on the masthead. Joel Carmichael, who had edited Midstream for the past 12 years, has left. The question is: was he pushed or did he jump? The son of American Zionist leader Louis Lipsky, he claims he resigned of his own volition.

Magazine turned sharply to the right

Dissatisfaction with Carmichael had been building ever since he turned the magazine sharply to the right, according to The Jewish Week of New York. Under his stewardship, Midstream — which has a monthly circulation of 10,000 and is read primarily by academic and government types — published "a lengthening roster" of far-right articles reminiscent of the Cold War. One of them, a blistering attack on Pope John Paul II, prompted the resignation of Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, a trustee, noted scholar and vice-president of the World Jewish Congress.

In his piece, Carmichael claimed that the Pope was a virtual Marxist whose attempted assassination may have been engineered by the KGB..."

Pope article "aroused general distaste"

Marie Syrkin, a trustee, said the article had "aroused general distaste and in no way could be construed as the viewpoint of the Zionist movement." Hertzberg said it had been written by "the Jewish equivalent of the kind of Gentile who can believe in *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion.*"

With Carmichael gone, readers will naturally wonder what direction Midstream will now take.

A BRITISH YIDDISHIST

Ah, the joys of Yiddish.

Elinor Robinson, a proper British woman, is one of the rising stars in Yiddish poetry. London-born, Oxford-bred and Cambridge-educated, this Protestant lady has been hailed as a great young talent by Avrom Sutskever, editor of Di Goldine Keyt, one of the best Yiddish journals in Israel.

Robinson, daughter of an Oxford University librarian, entered the world of Yiddish by reading an English translation of an Isaac Bashevis Singer novel. After devouring Singer and Sholem Aleichem, she discovered Henry Roth (*Call It Sleep)* and Leon Rosten (*The Joys of Yiddish)*, all the while jotting down Yiddish words and phrases.

Nine years ago, Robinson, now 32, took a Yiddish class at Oxford while studying archeology. Dovid Katz, her teacher, says she was writing "brilliant, well-crafted short stories" after only a few weeks.

While still at Oxford, she became involved in a Yiddish poets' and writers' circle led by poet A.N. Stencl of Whitechapel. With Katz's encouragement, Robinson sent some short stories to several publications. They were rejected, but Di Goldine Keyt was impressed, and her career was launched.

Today, Robinson is completing a PhD dissertation in Yiddish literature, and her topic is Stencl.

Asked by The Jewish Week of New York if she has ever toyed with the idea of converting to Judaism, she said: "If I were a religious person, I could convert. But it makes no sense, since my main interests are cultural, educational and literary."

Charles Kremer (second from right) is honored at a ceremony in New York for his work in gathering evidence against war criminal Archbishop Valerian Trifa. [Religious News Service Photo]

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Opinion

"Affirmations" laden with enormous potential and deep feeling

U.S. Presbyterians seek new relationship with Jews

RABBI JAMES A. RUDIN, national interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee in the U.S., comments here on the recent adoption by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at its recent general assembly of a statement on Christian-Jewish relations.

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At its General Assembly in Biloxi, Mississippi, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) overwhelmingly adopted a statement on Christian-Jewish relations, culminating in a 6-year effort by the 3.1 million-member church to develop a comprehensive position on this vital issue. The document of "study and reflection" has attracted a great deal of public attention, and it is a potentially significant document if its seven major affirmations become an integral part of Presbyterian church life.

The seven "affirmations" address the central themes and issues of the entire Christian-Jewish encounter. The affirmations "seek to lay the foundation for a new and better relationship under God between Christians and Jews." Each affirmation, though quite brief, is laden with enormous potential and deep feeling:

• 1. A reaffirmation that the God who addresses both Christians and Jews is the same — living and true God.

• 2. A new understanding by the church that its own identity is intimately related to the continuing identity of the Jewish people.

• 3. A willingness to ponder with Jews the mystery of God's election of both Jews and Christians to be a light to the nations.

• 4. An acknowledgement by Christians that Jews are in covenant relationship with God, and a reconsideration of the implications of this reality for evangelism.

• 5. A determination by Christians to put an end to "the teaching of contempt" for the Jews.

•6. A willingness to acknowledge the continuing significance of the promise of the land (of Israel) to the people of Israel.

•7. A readiness to act on the hope which Christians share with Jews in God's promise of a peaceable kingdom.

Each affirmation is followed by several paragraphs of "explication" and interpretation. The language of the affirmations is sometimes quite powerful. For example, the document forthrightly acknowledges "the church's long and deep complicity in the proliferation of anti-Jewish attitudes and actions through its 'teaching of contempt' for the Jews . . . Christians have not replaced Jews . . . Christians and Jews have an irrevocable election" by God, and the statement cautions Presbyterians "when speaking with Jews about matters of faith to acknowledge that Jews are already in a covenantal relationship with God."

"Continuity of God's promise of the land to the people . . ."

The document also clearly affirms the "continuity of God's promise of the land (of Israel) to the people of Israel."

For six years members of the drafting committee received testimony from the Jewish and Christian communities, visited Israel and the Arab countries, drafted and redrafted the statement many times, reviewed and rewrote many sections, heard criticisms of the document as well as praise from many quarters, and finally the drafting committee placed the statement before the 650 elected representatives of the church for a vote at the General Assembly. Even though the process was long and difficult, it did have the virtue of bringing all the diverse elements of the Presbyterian Church "on board."

When the document was publicly debated in Biloxi, the sharpest criticism came from representatives of the Arab Christian community in the Middle East, especially those living in Egypt and Lebanon, and criticism came also from the increasingly vocal conservative evangelical group within the Presbyterian Church.

The Arabs were deeply upset by what they considered to be the document's theological justification and support for the State of Israel. The evangelical wing was angry because the document appeared to be "giving away the store" by asserting that Jews are not replaced in history and theology by Christians and that Jews ALREADY have their own unique and valid covenantal relationship with God. The entire raison d'etre for Christian evangelism to the Jewish people is undermined.

The Presbyterian General Assembly heard the criticism of these two special interest groups, and the final text was somewhat modified. But the Presbyterians refused to scrap the document or to amend it so radically as to destroy its integrity and strength. One high Presbyterian official told me: "It's not everything we wanted, but it remains a very powerful and compelling statement. It was not salvaged or emasculated."

Strong support for the document came from the pastors of many Presbyterian congregations around the country, all of whom have positive ongoing relationships with the Jewish community. Support also came from some seminary professors, as well as from individual lay leaders. As one observer put it: "The Presbyterian grassroots was in favor of the statement."

It is always important to remember that the Presbyterian Church has had extensive missionary efforts in the Arab Middle East for over 150 years. These efforts include schools, hospitals, orphanages, and universities (the famous American University in Beirut was founded by the Presbyterians). As a result, official church statements and resolutions have usually had a pronounced anti-Israel tilt, and many of the Presbyterian Middle East missionaries have been outspoken adversaries of the Jewish state. And, of course, the increased evangelic surge felt in all branches of Christianity has impacted upon the generally liberal religious thinking of the Presbyterians.

The statement, which will be thoroughly studied during the next two years throughout the Presbyterian Church, strongly rejects the classic Christian theme of "suppressionism," that is, "because the Jews did not accept Jesus, they are cursed by God, and the 'new Israel,' i.e. the Christian Church, has replaced the 'old Israel.' "The document labels such Christian thinking "harmful," and it calls for a "reappraisal" since the old belief is "no longer a satisfactory explanation" for Presbyterians.

The document, as one would expect from a church with deep Arab ties, speaks about the rights of the Palestinians in the "explications," but the central affirmation is of God's "continuing promise" of the land of Israel to the Jewish people. And not surprisingly, the Presbyterian document, while affirming the State of Israel, rejects giving the Jewish state's existence a theological justification as many evangelical Christians often do.

Document provides important building block

The Presbyterians are to be congratulated for grappling with all the major Christian-Jewish themes, including Israel. Many other Christian leaders and bodies in their official statements often omit any mention of the Jewish state or speak of it in oblique and ambiguous terms.

But finally, what does this carefully and painfully wrought document mean? Will it really make a difference in daily relationships between Christians and Jews? Were the long and laborious efforts worth it? The answer is . . . perhaps.

To reverse 1,900 years of Christian animosity and enmity towards Jews and Judaism, thoughtful and well meaning Christians need guidance and instruction from their churches. Anti-semitic patterns, the teaching of contempt towards Jews and Judaism, are deeply embedded in Christianity.

Christians need new teaching and preaching material, a new way to view their Jewish neighbors that is free of negative stereotypes and hostile caricatures. They require foundation stones to build positive and constructive relations with Jews. The Presbyterian affirmations, building upon other Christian statements that have been issued since the end of World War II, provide an important building block. That the document was approved by the Presbyterian General Assembly is encouraging, but it must now take on a life of its own, just as the Second Vatican Council's Nostra Aetate has done for Roman Catholics.

There are ways to "really test" the impact of the statement. If the strong and sturdy affirmations of the document are incorporated into Presbyterian schools ranging from kindergarten through adult education, and into Presbyterian seminary curricula and college education courses, if the hymnals and the sermons of the church reflect an appreciation and understanding of Jews and Judaism, if all teaching materials purposed for the church are evaluated in light of the recently adopted document, if the church's programs and policies reflect these new views, if the Presbyterian Church begins dialogues and conversations with Israeli Jews as well as with Arabs; if all these and many more things begin to happen, then the intensive effort of the past six years is a small price to pay for a genuine "seachange" in Christian thinking and actions. In the meantime, the American Jewish Committee intends to intensify our already extensive programs with like-minded Presbyterians.

It has been said that in politics and love, proper timing is crucial. The same is true for interreligious affairs. Proper timing is necessary to achieve success, and for the large and diverse Presbyterian Church, whose members are weary of the 1,900-year-old negative tradition vis-a-vis Jews and Judaism, a church that is seeking to chart a new direction to ovecome the wretched history of the past, now is the time to move ahead. The recently adopted statement provides the necessary mandate for a Presbyterian pilgrimage into a new and constructive relationship with the Jewish people. The time for such a pilgrimage is now.

Diplomat relates "uplifting experience"

W. Samoans show regard for Israel

By
VIC ALHADEFF

SYDNEY, Australia —

It is a nation where the prime minister attends state functions wearing a shirt, tie, jacket and skirt — and is barefoot. The custom when drinking the traditional beverage, kava, is first to tip some onto the floor and say "manuia" (good fortune). And the walls of houses consist of coconut and banana leaves, carefully arranged to ensure maximum respite from the tropical sun.

This is neighboring Western Samoa, an idyllic group of Polynesian islands in the South Pacific where democracy is dispensed from a glass-walled 47-member parliament, tipping is forbidden, visas are not required and where Gary Cooper made his film *Return to Paradise*. Novelist Robert Louis Stevenson lived and died there, James Michener and Somerset Maugham extolled the islands' majesty and Rupert Brooke was inspired to write great poetry.

Recently, the Israeli flag flew proudly over Apia, capital of Western Samoa. The occasion — the 25th anniversary of its independence. The government of this nation of 160,000 bronzed folk invited Israel to participate in the 10-day festivities, and Sydney-based Consul-General Avi Gabay was asked by Jerusalem to do the honors.

"It was an uplifting experience to discover the great respect in which Israel is held in this remote corner of the world," Gabay told me in an exclusive interview on his return. "Ranging from the prime minister to the villagers, I was told repeatedly of the immense regard they have for Israel. The people are devoutly Christian — in the 40 kilometres from the airport to Apia there are 90 churches — and they regard Israel in an extremely positive light.

"The leaders of the country are full of admiration for how Israel has survived and developed against such odds. They identify strongly with that. The villagers respect ancient Israel, while the political leaders respect modern Israel." With a 2,000-year history of their own, Western Samoans also identify with the fierce adherence to tradition of Israel and the Jewish people.

The nations of the world converged on Apia for the festivities. Australia was represented by the warship HMAS Tobruk, the United States sent two warships and China sent a troupe of acrobats.

Israel's consul-general in Sydney, Australia, Zvi Gabay (left), with Laulu Fetaui Mataafa, wife of the Western Samoa prime minister.

Also present was the King of Tonga, who hosted President Chaim Herzog during the latter's visit to the region last November.

While only three countries — Australia, China and New Zealand — maintain embassies in Apia, Western Samoa has long enjoyed cordial relations with Israel. Jerusalem's ambassador to New Zealand is accredited to Western Samoa, and there is an affinity between the two countries.

Western Samoa has a vote in the United Nations and uses it in concert with the other South Pacific countries. It exports bananas and coconut oil and grows mangoes and pineapples for domestic consumption. The dearth of resources makes it dependent on foreign aid, particularly from the U.S., Australia, China, Japan, West Germany, France, Sweden and New Zealand. The U.S. maintains 60 Peace Corps advisers in key areas such as hospitals and fisheries, while Israel has a standing offer of technical assistance.

Parliamentary elections are held every three years. The official languages are English and Polynesian, and while the local currency is the tala, American, Australian and New Zealand dollars are equally acceptable.

Situated 4,000 kilometres southwest of Hawaii and 2,700 kilometres northeast of New Zealand, Western Samoa was annexed by Germany in 1899, while the U.S. took control of Eastern Samoa. Germany ruled until the outbreak of World War I, when New Zealand forces landed in Western Samoa and occupied the islands until 1920. The Treaty of Versailles gave New Zealand a mandate to govern until 1945, when the United Nations extended the trusteeship until Western Samoa assumed independence in 1962.

Eastern Samoa, with a population of 30,000 Polynesians, has remained American, a separate entity with its own government and television station (there is no TV network in Western Samoa) and abundant U.S. aid.

"Western Samoans try to follow the UN ideals of respect for others," said Gabay. "They maintain relations with everyone and are liked by everyone. They have no army, and the policemen don't even carry clubs. Respect is their credo, and it is deeply moving to note the respect and dignity with which they regard Israel."

Opinion

"No war inevitable," says Jerusalem battle hero Gur

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

"The Temple Mount is in our hands. Repeat, the Temple Mount is in our hands."

Twenty years ago last month, Mordechai (Motta) Gur crashed through the Lion's Gate in East Jerusalem in a halftrack and, grabbing a radio microphone, proclaimed to the world that the site of the second temple was once again under Jewish control.

"There it was, the Temple Mount!" Gur recalled in a recent interview, still hardly able to believe the mementous role he played in the Six Day War.

Now a Labor Party member of the Knesset, Gur, then a colonel, commanded the 55th Paratroop Brigade, the reserve unit that captured the Old City of Jerusalem. As supposedly the first Israeli soldier to set foot on the Temple Mount, destroyed by the Babylonians, rebuilt by Herod and sacked by the Romans, Gur immediately became something of a Jewish folk hero. "You become part of the long chain of Jewish history," he said, referring to the likes of David, Solomon and Herod.

Gur, who was recently appointed board chairman of Solel Boneh, Israel's biggest construction company, recalled that the 55th Paratroop Brigade was to have been deployed in northern Sinai. The Israeli government, he explained, would not have attempted to take East Jerusalem, which was formally annexed by Israel in June of 1967, had King Hussein of Jordan stayed out of the war.

But when it was clear that the Egyptians had been routed on the Sinai front, Gur's crack brigade was transferred to the Central Command, under the leadership of Gen. Uzi Narkiss. Gur, however, had planned for that moment even before 1967. On the eve of the war, he took it upon himself to survey the neighborhood where, he felt, fighting would take place if the Israeli army were ever ordered to storm the Old City.

Gur, having been born and raised in Jerusalem, was determined to be part of any assault on the eastern Arab portion, which had been under Jordanian occupation since the War of Independence.

Indeed, Gur had been waiting for this moment for years. In 1962, as commander of the Golani Brigade, he had trained one of his battalions for a possible attack on the Old City. There had been serious anti-Hashemite Palestinian disturbances there, and the Israeli government wanted to be prepared for any contingency.

Little did Gur know that, only five years later, Israeli forces, with himself in command, would be unloosed in the battle for Jerusalem.

When I met Gur, who was here to address the Canadian Friends of Tel Hashomer Hospital at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, I showed him a Jerusalem Post dispatch that had just been wired to The Canadian Jewish News.

The report, based on an interview he had given an Australian Jewish newspaper several weeks earlier, said that Gur had proposed a formula under which 1 million Soviet Jews would be traded for the occupied territories, including East Jerusalem.

Right-wing Knesset members had bitterly attacked Gur for daring to suggest that the occupied territories, and particularly Jerusalem, were negotiable.

Gur, the chief of staff of the Israel Defence Forces from 1974 to 1978, hadn't heard a word about the controversial story. "That's news," he said as he started to read it.

Then he smiled. "Always when I leave the country something happens..."

Gur, who held the health ministry until his recent resignation from the cabinet, said the quotation had been taken out of context and was therefore inaccurate.

As the liberator of Jerusalem, he was especially indignant by the suggestion that he was amenable to parting with Jerusalem under certain circumstances. "As I said to the paratroopers in 1967, 'Jerusalem is yours forever.' Any idea that Jerusalem belongs to anyone else is not even practical. My attachment to Jerusalem is strong and continuous. And let me tell you something. In history, Jerusalem served as a capital only when there was a Jewish majority in the city. Neither the Crusaders nor the Arabs regarded Jerusalem as a capital. This we have to remember, although Jerusalem is important to all religions.

"What I said was that, if we had 8 million Jews in Israel, the territories would not be an issue of discussion. We would have a huge Jewish majority and no (Arab) minority problem. My main message was that Jews should come to live in Israel. Aliya is the most important thing."

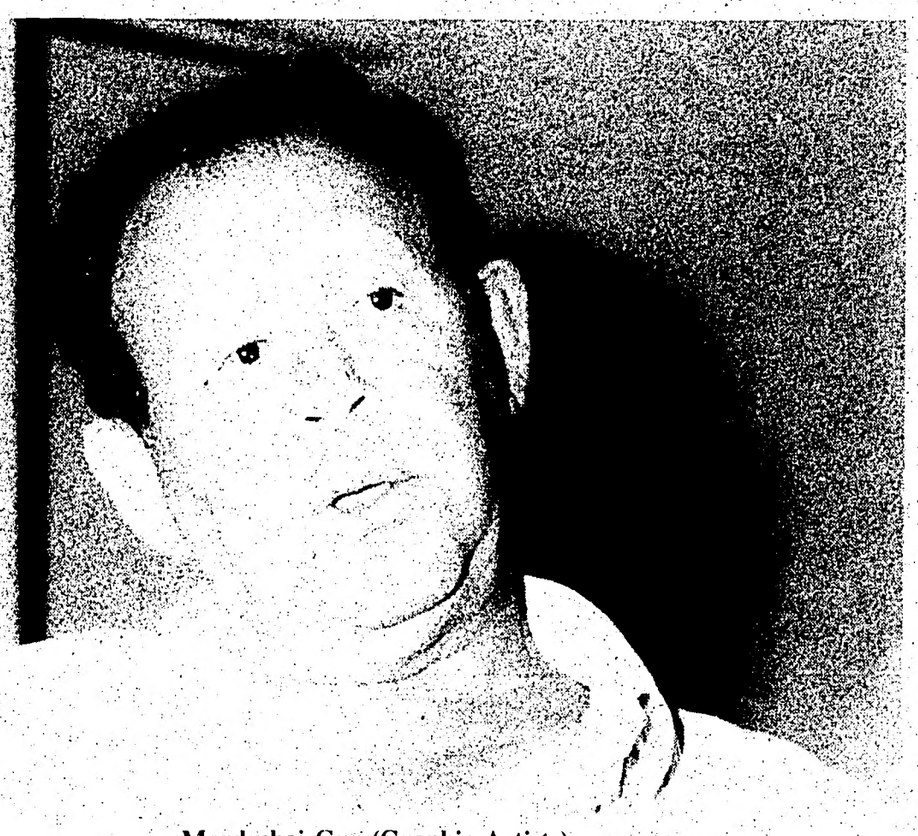
When I asked him whether Israel should relinquish land in return for peace with its Arab neighbors, Gur parried the question and again emphasized the importance of aliya.

"We expect every Jew to go to Israel," he declared. Was that realistic? "Unfortunately, according to my experiences (in the Diaspora), I realize that the chances are relatively low."

Gur, who was military attache in Washington prior to the Yom Kippur War, said that, as part of an Arab-Israeli settlement, Israeli troops should be able to patrol the Jordan Valley and the Gush Etzion area of the West Bank.

Gur is convinced that Syria need not have been involved in the 1982 war in Lebanon. "The Syrians had to be kept out totally." Israel should not even have attacked Syria's anti-aircraft batteries in Lebanon. "We pushed into their lines. Do you expect them not to have fired?"

In his view, Israel could have won the war in 12 hours had it not involved Syria.



Mordechai Gur (Graphic Artists)

He agreed that the search for a settlement, under the auspices of an international peace conference, has come to a screeching halt. But Gur, who is considered something of a dove in his party, disagreed that the peace process could not be revived. "We have to achieve peace with our neighbors," he said. "Let's find another way to restart the process."

Gur said he is under no illusions about Likud's willingess for territorial compromise. "I have studied their platform and I know it well. It is my understanding that Likud does not want to withdraw from the territories. But I also know that Likud doesn't want to refuse a peace initiative. Even parties with very stiff positions might eventually change."

Although Gur believes that no one can, or should, time any peace process with a stopwatch, he is of the opinion that the Labor Party should break up the national unity government if it determines that Likud is truly an obstacle to a settlement.

"If it (the unity government) doesn't work, we have to leave the government and work strongly from the outside and raise the flag of peace. If it depends on me, and if (Prime Minister) Shamir and his people stick to their guns, I'll try to convince our people to leave the government."

Gur is known for more than his rhetoric. In the autumn of 1984, he joined the new national unity government as minister of health, only to quit two years later. He left the cabinet because he did not want to serve in a government headed by a prime minister (Shamir) who, he claims, shirked his responsibilities in the first Shin Bet scandal.

The scandal surfaced after two Palestinian bus hijackers who had been captured alive were later killed by Israeli security forces.

Shamir, as prime minister during that period, should have investigated the matter much more forcefully, he said. When Gur failed to convince his fellow Labor MPs that they should not sit around the same cabinet table as a man who had failed to meet his ministerial responsibility, he drew the appropriate conclusion and departed.

Today, as chairman of Solel Boneh, Gur grapples with far different issues. Of late, the conglomerate has been buffeted by difficulties, with the result that Gur has had to lay off many workers. He has already fired 3,700, but 1,300 more are slated to be let go.

The firings have reduced Solel Boneh's staff by more than half, but Gur said he has had no alternative.

Despite his preoccupation with company matters, Gur is still deeply involved in Israeli politics and continues to take a professional interest in Middle East developments.

For example, he disagrees with the observation that a war between Israel and Syria is inevitable. "No war is inevitable, and there shouldn't be a war with Syria."

The Syrians, he noted, would have to fight Israel alone, without the help of either Jordan or Egypt. "And they know we're much stronger." Furthermore, Syria is enmeshed in Lebanon and its economy is in a mess.

Nevertheless, Gur acknowledged that Syria might well resort to war to wrest the Golan Heights from Israel.

The invasion of Lebanon, he charged, was "a political war, a failure from the beginning (that) had no chance to succeed. It was a war against a non-country. With whom would we have signed a ceasefire? There was no central government, nobody to sign peace with."

In 1978, when he was chief of staff, Israel invaded Lebanon and stopped its advance at the Litani River. "We wanted to change the political and strategic situation, not to kill more terrorists." Asked to comment on widespread reports that Operation Litani had been poorly executed, Gur retorted by saying that the Israel army had achieved its goals in only 4 hours.

Turning to the chronic problem of terrorism directed against Israel from southern Lebanon, Gur said it can only be solved by political means. "Military power can't stop it (terrorism), and it's a big mistake to think so."

Gur, however, believes that military means should be used to "diminish terrorism." Having said that, he warned that he can see no end in sight of Palestinian-inspired terrorism launched from Lebanese soil. "And unfortunately, we have Shiite terrorism, too, another poisonous result of the war in Lebanon."

As far as Gur is concerned, the Palestinian question cannot be defused through the creation of an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip. "It is an impractical idea — a political invention of people who don't know the facts. It will solve nothing. It is a dangerous notion."

In 1977, just after Anwar Sadat's impending historic trip to Jerusalem was announced, Gur gained some notoriety by suggesting that the Egyptians were violating the 1974 disengagement agreement with Israel and were planning a new war against the Jewish state. Both Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Defence Minister Ezer Weizman were furious with his poor timing, and they reprimanded him.

Looking back at that celebrated episode, Gur does not take anything back. "Our politicians didn't exactly know what they were doing and they didn't know where future negotiations (with Egypt) would go. I was trying to alert them to what the results of Sadat's visit might be — namely that we would have to give back Sinai and the airfields, or else there would be a war."

Gur said he never had any doubt that Israel would have to make "huge territorial concessions" to Egypt. He proposed a withdrawal to El Arish, in northern Sinai, but the cabinet was not interested.

Gur is not entirely pleased with Israel's 1979 peace treaty with Egypt. As observers have often said, it is a "cold" peace, characterized by a lack of true normalization. But Gur thinks that Israel's bilateral relations with Egypt are "quite good" and that Israelis should not expect much more from a nation that has gone to war against Israel several times in the past 39 years.

Catch-22 situation preventing enactment of electoral reform

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

The 120 members of the Israeli Knesset represent no less than 15 different political parties, but because they are all elected "at large," hand-picked by their party leaders, no voter in Israel can point to any member of the Knesset as "his" representative. Our neighbor, Prof. Shevach Weiss, who lives just around the corner, has not been elected to the parliament by Haifa's voters; he "represents" Eilat and Kiryat Shemona just as much as Mt. Carmel.

As a result, much of the Knesset's activity is conducted in a sort of rarified political atmosphere, utterly detached from the interests of those who should be the legislator's constituents. There are no constituents. Voters do not choose their members in the Knesset, but are able to vote only for the party of their choice, with no opportunity to split the ticket. The final result is determined by proportional representation which, it is maintained, is the purest system from the point of view of democracy.

It affords representation to almost every fragment and splinter of opinion, providing each with opportunity to present its view in the national legislature, and under conditions which often give the smaller parties an edge over the big ones.

Weiss points out that of the 56 world states which conduct what we would call democratic elections, 43 provide for local or regional elections, or set minimum percentages, usually 5% or more, for a party to get into the parliament.

If Israel were to do the same, almost all of the small parties would be eliminated and we would become a 2-party system, since in our last elections the third largest party polled only 4% of the vote. Yet we still cling stubbornly to the system which gives the small factions an influence far out of proportion to their strength, and often brings about results which run contrary to public will.

The opposition parties constantly seek to bring about the downfall of the government, since the major task of an opposition party is to oppose. During the present Knesset, no less than 104 resolutions of no confidence were proposed, but all were beaten back by the coalition. How much of the valuable time of the Knesset was taken up by the debate on these futile gestures?

Our neighbor may not be our personal representative in Jerusalem, but he is undeniably one of the more active and influential members of the Knesset, aside from ministers of the government. During the current session of the Knesset Shevach Weiss, representing Labor, took to the rostrum no less than 182 times. Yet he was exceeded in the number of speeches delivered by Mati Peled of the tiny Progressive List for Peace, who spoke 199 times, an indication of an advantage enjoyed by the smaller parties, which all of them exploit to the full.

Meir Kahane addressed the Knesset 115 times, but the Israeli man in the street would never know that from the newspapers, since wherever possible Kahane is deliberately ignored in the reporting.

Prof. Weiss notes that our parliament operates through 10 standing committees and more than 20 sub-committees. Flagrant absenteeism at plenary sessions of the Knesset is often explained by the fact that members are at committee meetings, and indeed, during the present 2½ years of the current 11th Knesset, the finance committee met 439 times. Labor and Welfare met 317 times. At the bottom of the list is the aliya committee, which met only 120 times, confirming a generally held impression of what the Knesset really thinks of aliya.

There are only 10 women in this Knesset, an indication of the attitude of the party bosses, since if open, representative elections were to be held, the number of female members would undoubtedly be much larger. Two of the most colorful members are both in the opposition, Geula Cohen and Shulamit Aloni, at opposite ends of the spectrum.

To summarize: if the situation is so bad, why doesn't Israel change its electoral system to provide for direct elections and for elimination of the tiny parties? Very simple. Such a change must be enacted into law by the Knesset itself, but the dozen or more parties which would be affected don't want to vote themselves out of existence. And the large parties, anxious not to antagonize the little ones whom they may need, under present circumstances, to help make a coalition, fail to press for reform. Catch-22!

Opinion

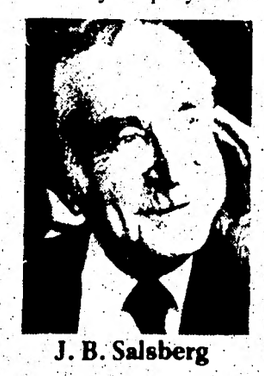
Need for a realistic approach

Strike of "Arab Israelis" raises some fine points

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Tell me, my esteemed readers, did the term "Arab Israelis," in the caption of this column, surprise you? Did you raise your eyebrows at the sight of that term, rather then the usual term of "Israeli Arabs" that we always use?

To tell the truth I deliberately employed the unaccustomed term to describe Arabs who live in Israel in order to focus your attention on a very important aspect of Israel's reality that most of us are rarely, if ever, conscious of.



J. B. Salsberg

Yes, my intelligent readers, it seems to me that the time has come to realize that there is a very important section of Israeli citizens, some 700,000 of them, who are Arabs!

Should those 700,000 Arabs be referred to as "Israeli Arabs," as is usually done, or should they be called "Arab Israelis?"

This, I suggest, is not an engagement in hair-splitting nor is it an academic question; it is a matter that Israeli reality has now brought to the surface and, I further suggest, this issue will not disappear from Israel's agenda. On the contrary, it will occupy an ever-increasing importance in Israel's political vocabulary.

Why, you may ask, have I suddenly become enmeshed in this rather touchy matter? The answer is that the Israeli Arabs, or the Arab Israelis have now placed this question in the very centre of Israeli concerns. Let me explain:

On June 25 the world press and, of course, the world Jewish press reported prominently the news that the 700,000 Arabs in Israel staged a very successful general strike for one day. The Toronto Star headline said: "Israeli Arabs hold strike against 'discrimination.' " And the Globe and Mail caption over its story read: "Claiming bias towards Jews, Israeli Arabs stage strike."

I have no quarrel with the manner in which both those major newspapers handled the story. Nor can I fault them for the way they reported the event. What prompted me to write these lines is the statement of grievances that Nazir Mujali, a spokesman for the strikers, issued to the Israeli media and to the press agencies of the world.

Mr. Mujali stated the strike was aimed to protest the Israeli government's "discrimination" against the Israeli Arab community.

Mr. Mujali is quoted as saying: **"We are Israelis like any other citizen and we demand equal treatment."**

That statement is, obviously, full of meaning. If Arabs in Israel consider themselves as "citizens like any other citizens" of the Jewish state then they are certainly entitled to the same treatment that the majority of Israel's citizenry — Jews — receive. And if so should the Arab minority be considered as "Israeli Arab" or "Arab Israelis?"

In other words: Should Arab Israelis be placed in the same category as, say, Quebec in Canada, or as the minority Jewish community in Ontario? If so then the Israeli Arab community should be considered as "Arab Israelis" and not as Israeli Arabs.

Complicated? Yes, but so is life. . . .

Let us see: The 6 or 700,000 Arabs in the Jewish state are the Arabs who did not voluntarily leave the newly-established Jewish state, as did the other Palestinian Arabs, whose misleaders urged to leave so as to return after the destruction of the fledgling Jewish state. The Arabs who remained became Israeli citizens and were, to all intents and purposes, granted all rights and privileges — including the right to vote and to be represented in Israel's parliament, the Knesset — of the Jewish majority.

In an ideal situation, the Arab minority in Israel should, therefore, be treated with undeviating fairness and equality. But is the situation ideal? Can anyone doubt that there are many Israeli Arabs who are not "Arab Israelis?" Could there be any doubt that there are among the 700,000 Arab citizens of Israel many who are openly or clandestinely linked with the PLO and the more extreme Shiite gangs whose fanatic aim is the destruction of Israel?

But, if, perhaps, Mr. Nazir Mujali's declaration that "we (Israeli Arabs) are Israelis like any other citizens and we demand equal treatment," does represent the thinking and feeling of a substantial number of Arabs in the Jewish state then there must be a differentiation between them. "Israeli Arabs" who declare that they are "Israelis like all other citizens" should be designated as "Arab Israelis" and, therefore, fully entitled to all rights and to all privileges of the majority.

Is that a realistic approach to the Arab-Israel problem? Is there a **more realistic approach?**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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A LEMON FOR WALDHEIM

My lemon goes to Dr. Hans Koechler, a professor of political philosophy at the University of Innsbruck, Austria. As you reported on June 11, he had the gall to nominate Kurt Waldheim of Austria for the Nobel Peace Prize.

I have written to the dean of the Innsbruck University, asking him to consider the termination of the tenure of Prof. Koechler, who certainly is not an asset to the university.

It could happen only in Adolf Schickelgruber's country of birth.

Gerry G. Hamburg
Montreal

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WALDHEIM TARNISHES LUSTRE

To associate Kurt Waldheim's name with the Nobel Peace Prize would be to tarnish the lustre of this prestigious prize.

Ellen Smiley
Montreal

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TUTU ANTI-SEMITIC?

Is Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa an anti-semite?

A number of recent reports in American Jewish newspapers have focused on an anti-semitic speech Tutu is alleged to have made in South Africa some time ago.

Whether or not Tutu made those particular remarks may be debated, but there can be no denying the numerous other published accounts of anti-Jewish statements by the archbishop, including:

- His abusive speech at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1984, accusing American Jews of "exhibiting an arrogance — the arrogance of power, because Jews are a powerful lobby in this land and all kinds of people woo their support."
- His threat to "punish" South African Jews "if Israel continues dealing with South Africa."
- His complaint about a "Jewish monopoly of the Holocaust."

Here in Israel, Tutu's remarks have prompted Members of Knesset from three of the parties in the governing coalition — the Likud, the National Religious Party, and Agudat Yisrael — to demand that Tutu be barred from visiting Israel until he publicly apologizes for his utterances.

Canadian Jews should likewise refuse to give Tutu an audience until he retracts his anti-Jewish slurs.

G. Luboff
Jerusalem

WHO PROSECUTED ROSENBERGS?

I am writing to comment on David Birkan's column of June 18 on the anniversary of the execution of the Rosenbergs in 1953.

I was in my 30s at the time, and I recall the case from newspaper and radio reports.

Birkan refers to Roy Cohn as the "prime prosecutor" in the case. Roy Cohn, who died recently — reportedly of AIDS — was closely involved as legal consultant and advisor of Senator Joe McCarthy in his various investigations and "exposes."

I have no recollection, however, of Roy Cohn being a prosecutor in the case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

I do recall the name Irving Saypol as prosecutor.

Could Birkan be wrong?

George B. Koppelman
Toronto

David Birkan replies: Roy Cohn was a prosecutor in the case, according to a book and article I consulted.

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BERLIN JEWS REMAINED

Contrary to views expressed in your recent editorial, Berlin still contained an official Jewish organization from June, 1943 to the war's end.

While the offices of the Reichs-Association of Jews in Germany were sealed on June 10th, 1943, the (new) Reichsvereinigung operated from the premises of the Jewish Hospital, which served also as a sort of ghetto.

Under direction of Dr. Walter Lustig, a distinguished forensic surgeon and former official of the Berlin police, some 800 more or less "protected" Jews lived in the hospital compound.

Deportations of Berlin's Jews continued to the very end. Between June 16, 1943 and March 27, 1945, over 2,000 were deported to Theresienstadt and over 1,300 directly to Auschwitz. They followed some 47,000 Berlin Jews previously deported as of October, 1941.

Dr. Walter Lustig was probably executed in the summer of 1945 by Soviet military authorities.

Prof. Klaus J. Herrmann
Montreal

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TEACHERS AREN'T FUDDYDUDDIES

In your Montreal edition of May 14, there appeared some remarks made by the vice-president of planning of the Jewish Education Council of Montreal, to the effect that teachers in our Jewish schools were an old group. She inferred that, because teachers are unionized, there is "no new blood or ideas coming into the system."

She then drew the conclusion that there was, therefore, a lack of creativity in our Jewish schools.

I believe that Linda Shohet based her remarks on the situation that exists in the public sector. There, the shrinking English population has necessitated yearly laying off of teachers, with just about no new teachers being taken on.

The registration in the Jewish schools overall is stable and private schools seem to be the only schools that hire new staff. Some schools have tremendous yearly turnover in faculty.

As for what makes a good teacher, in my experience both as a parent and as a teacher of at least two generations of students, I would suggest the following as essential characteristics:

(a) Cares for students and has some appreciation of human behavior.

(b) Has enthusiasm for the subjects he/she teaches.

(c) Is emotionally mature.

To single out creativity as being of utmost importance is to disregard the above factors, which create a stimulating learning environment.

Evelyn M. Cohen
Montreal

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Reader disagrees with CJN theatre critic, and prefers modernized, balconyless Stratford production of Romeo and Juliet, starring Susan Coyne and Albert Schultz.

FIE FOR SHAME, RASKY!

I say fie for shame to your theatre critic, Frank Rasky, for lambasting the modernized version of *Romeo and Juliet* directed by Robin Phillips at the Stratford Festival.

I saw it and I think he's all wet.

It's time that this romance of the two star-crossed lovers was updated, so that young people today can identify with the couple.

I liked the fact that there was no old-fashioned balcony, so that Juliet doesn't have to squint in the dark and say, "Wherefor art thou, Romeo?"

I also disagree with Mr. Rasky when he claims that Susan Coyne, the actress playing Juliet, looks like a Plain Jane rather than some glamorous ethereal creature in an Elizabethan gown.

I thought she looked like a natural 13-year-old — the kind of pretty girl who could fall in love with a guy today.

When it comes to sizing up a girl's good looks, all I can say is: "Wherefor art thou, Rasky?"

Leah Franken
Toronto

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LET'S PROMOTE YIDDISH!

I read Janice Arnold's interview with Dr. Joe Kage — the new chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress National Committee for Yiddish and Yiddish Culture — with great interest (CJN, June 11).

I find many of his ideas for promoting Yiddish in our community constructive. However, I have some doubt about the practicality of certain of his suggestions.

For example: Forming groups to promote Yiddish in the English or French language without simultaneously teaching the Yiddish language to them will result in these groups not having a *real* ambition to know Yiddish.

Moreover one essential item that can promote Yiddish was missing: This is **to introduce Yiddish in all the Jewish schools in Canada, starting from kindergarten.**

Let it be clearly stated that the key reason why the number of Yiddish readers and Yiddish speakers is declining is because for many tens of years, especially since World War II, Yiddish was eliminated from almost all the Jewish school curriculums. So, when Jewish children grow up without Yiddish and the elderly pass away, it is clear why Yiddish is declining.

Take, for instance, the situation in the Soviet Union. The closing down and prohibition of Jewish schools many years ago was done with only one intent: to destroy the Jewish life there. The sad results are now very well known.

David Botwinik
Montreal

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YOU NEED AN INVITE

Due to an error in transcribing our meeting notes for the letter appearing in The Canadian Jewish News of June 11, the following information was omitted:

Attendance at Owen Sound's Beth Ezekiel "Simcha 87" is for former Owen Sounders and by invitation only.

We apologize most sincerely for any inconveniences this omission may have caused.

Tillie Gorbet
Owen Sound, Ont.

World-National

Congress criticizes delay of legislation

Bill "was good as it stood," Silverstone says

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the Winnipeg lawyer said.

"We felt the bill was good as it stood," Silverstone said. Although he termed the publication ban "ill advised," he said Congress favored quick passage of the bill with all the amendments over the alternative of lengthy committee hearings.

(Witer's amendments would have allowed for the prosecution of all war criminals and not just those from countries "in armed conflict" with Canada; removed the power to authorize prosecutions from the deputy attorney general and left it exclusively with the federal attorney general; allowed deportation only to countries with which Canada has an extradition treaty; relaxed the Immigration Act so only proven war criminals, and not suspects, could be barred entry; and imposed the publication ban.)

Justice Jules Deschenes, who headed a royal commission which investigated Nazi war criminals in Canada, had already gone over all the legal issues, Matas and Silverstone said.

Since the government had decided to prosecute war criminals in Canada, and since Deschenes had named 20 prime war criminal suspects, Congress felt the RCMP and justice department should be give the legislative basis to bring charges as soon as possible, Silverstone said. There is a danger the 20 will leave the country, he added.

Though Matas acknowledged Witer had bona fide concerns about the bill, he criticized the Toronto-area MP for "abusing the power of granting consent." Witer should have introduced his amendments to the committee of the whole (the entire House of Commons) and not "held Parliament to ransom," Matas said.

Kindy "as far as I can see was just obstructive," Matas said.

But Witer told The CJN there was little other chance to introduce the amendments prior to the vote on the bill. He noted the bill was introduced less than a week before and he said he was merely expressing his concerns about aspects of the legislation. He added that some of his amendments reflected Deschenes' original proposals and one — to allow for the prosecution of all war criminals — was shared by the Liberals.

Responding to queries whether the government did all it could to bring the backbenchers into line with government policy, Matas said "I don't know if the government could have done more than it did."

Responding to the same question, Beatty stated that any MP who believes an amendment should be made has the right to object to passage of the bill. He said without adequate time to discuss the policy questions raised in the amendments it was not possible to pass the bill prior to the summer recess.

Siverstone noted the government had obtained the consent to the bill of both opposition parties and had "tried to get the Senate to understand the importance of the matter.

"In my opinion, Hnatyshyn made an extraordinary effort to try to get this legislation passed," he said.

"It's still a priority for me, and I will bring it back as soon as the next sitting of the House," Hnatyshyn said.

Matas speculated that could be during the summer if Parliament reconvenes. He suggested the parliamentary committee could be struck at that time, though Beatty noted that would require an agreement by the party house leaders in setting the agenda for a special sitting.

"We'd like to deal with it as soon as possible," Beatty said. "We think it's an important bill."

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Quebec Region Chairman

After visit by Peres

UK endorses peace parley

LONDON (JTA) —

The British government has formally endorsed an international conference for Middle East peace with the participation of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, including the Soviet Union.

Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe told the House of Commons recently that convening such a conference would be one of the major foreign policy objectives of the newly re-elected Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Solicit support

He said its purpose was to bring Israel and Jordan into direct negotiations, though the conference would not have the power to impose solutions or veto agreements between the parties directly concerned. He said Britain, as a member of the Security Council, would play a full part in the effort.

Howe addressed Parliament after a visit to London by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, a strong advocate of an international conference, which is vigorously opposed by Premier Yitzhak Shamir. Howe and Thatcher had lengthy discussions with Peres on the subject. The Israeli foreign minister stated publicly that his objective in visiting Western Europe was to solicit the support of its leaders for an international forum. He visited France and West Germany after leaving Britain.

It was confirmed here meanwhile that Thatcher has been involved in promoting secret U.S. negotiations with President Hafez Assad of Syria. Britain broke diplomatic ties with Syria last year because of its involvement in an aborted attempt to place a bomb on an El Al airliner about to leave London's Heathrow Airport for Tel Aviv.

The United States promptly followed Britain's action. But now President Reagan has proposed sending the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Vernon Walters, to Damascus to meet with Assad. Thatcher, it is known, helped clear the way for this contact by confirming that Syria recently has taken steps to distance itself from terrorist activities.

Thatcher's next direct involvement in Middle East diplomacy will be her meeting with King Hussein of Jordan when he visits London shortly. She is expected to brief him on her conversation with Peres.

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JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Contacts with China led Israel to believe that diplomatic relations between Beijing and Jerusalem could be established even before an international Middle East peace conference was convened, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told the Knesset last week.

Chinese view

But, he said, this would not happen overnight. (China has stated that diplomatic relations with Israel were out of the question, despite reports of flourishing commercial links.)

Peres said the Chinese did not see the establishment of diplomatic ties as an impediment to their participation in the peace conference.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, due to visit Beijing soon, had been asked to repeat Israel's readiness to establish diplomatic ties, Peres said in answer to a parliamentary question by Likud Knesset Member David Magen.

Peres reported that a Chinese diplomat attending a recent meeting of the Socialist International in Paris had agreed that the issue of diplomatic ties would have to be solved, and added that there were "already scientific, industrial and agricultural relations."

Peres refused to be drawn further, but he strongly hinted that there was more he could not speak of. There were, he said, "gradual developments."

In Beijing, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said that China remained opposed to Israel's policy of "expansion and aggression.

"At present, the establishment of diplomatic relations . . . is simply out of the question," he added.

China's comments followed the arrival in Beijing of two leaders of the Israel Communist Party.

Party Secretary-General Meir Wilner, who is also a Knesset member, said he was carrying no message from the Israeli government. Chinese officials emphasized that the visit of the two Israelis had no significance in relations between China and Israel.

Wilner is the first Israeli Communist leader to visit China since 1956. He praised the welcome he received and said he had encountered intense interest in Israel and the Middle East.

Israel recognized the People's Republic of China after the Communist takeover in 1949, but diplomatic links were never established.

Meanwhile, Peres was evasive when asked in the Knesset whether he had met Jordanian King Hussein during his recent visit to Europe.

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The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years.

In a series of articles Mr. Catzman reports on his research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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"Don't do it," Col. Ruhama Hermon tells Canadian military

Israeli officer opposes women in combat roles

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
Advocates of including women in combat roles won't find an ally in Col. Ruchama Hermon, who was among a handful of highest ranked women in the Israel Defence Forces.

As she once told members of the Swedish government and military who were considering equal opportunity for women in their forces: "Don't do it. We, in Israel, could not survive if our women were not active in the military.

Women perform virtually all the same jobs in the Israeli forces as men, except combat duty and Hermon is firmly in agreement with that policy. Although women often train men for combat in the use of tanks, fighter pilots and guns, they never serve on the front line.

"Women are more vulnerable, they are different from men. If they were ever taken prisoner by the Syrians, such things could be done to them that would ruin their lives. It's terrible for a man, too, but he can usually get on with his life afterward."

While there are some members of the women's liberation movement in Israel urging equality for women in the military, Hermon said, there is generally not much interest among women in taking on more duties.

"In a country that enjoys peace, women should not be in the military because there are so many other areas they can work, like education and health, that will be more help to the country. I dream of the day this will be the case in Israel."

She offers the same advice to the Canadian forces which are currently trying

Ruchama Hermon

to recruit women for previously all-male jobs.

Hermon, who recently completed a speaking tour of Canada under the auspices of Na'amat Pioneer Women, is the antithesis of the military personage. Not only are her views seemingly contradictory, she does not look like a colonel either.

An exotic-looking woman with dark long hair and eyes, she was dressed during an interview in a white sequined top and lace skirt, dangling earrings, a gold bracelet and red hairpins.

After 25 years in uniform, hair pulled back and only minimal jewelry permitted, she is now revelling in her fashion freedom. "I'll never wear khaki again."

Hermon retired from the army after a 25-year career over a year ago as a colonel, the highest rank ever achieved by a woman at the time she was promoted some five years ago. There were only about four other female colonels during that time.

"Since I retired, a woman, Amira Dotan, has been made a general and somewhere under 10 female colonels are in the IDF," Hermon said.

In her 25 years in the army (the regular force, not the women's corps), Hermon was never in the field and only handled a gun during the month's training given when she began her compulsory military service at 18 and during a 3-month officers' course.

"Emotionally, I would not be able to stand being in combat. I can't imagine myself fighting," she said.

Hermon was born in Tiberias one of 10 children, a 4th-generation sabra with Sephardi roots. Her great-grandfather was Rabbi Raphael El Nekave, a major spiritual figure in Morocco.

Little in her background would have pointed to Hermon's choosing to climb the ranks of the military after her compulsory service. "I never dreamed I would stay on in the army, but I felt I was doing something important, that I was contributing to the country and a 1-year extension turned into 25 years."

Starting out doing the clerical and secretarial duties women were largely confined to at that time, Hermon became the manager of the office of the Army Chief of Staff, Yitzhak Rabin, in the period before and during the Six Day War. She accompanied Rabin to Washington as a military attache when he was the ambassador.

Later, Hermon headed the army's public relations and edited the army magazine, the first woman to handle those duties. There was glamor in that job; among the visiting dignitaries she showed around Israel were President Jimmy Carter, Frank Sinatra, Farah Fawcett, Jacqueline Kennedy and Jehan Sadat.

She also ran the campaign to raise money for a fund for disabled soldiers and their families, and was involved in Gadna, a premilitary youth program. She represented Israel abroad for the United Jewish Appeal, Israel Bonds and the Jewish Agency, and was part of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations women's conference in Copenhagen in 1980.

Since her retirement, she has been working as volunteer for Na'amat and is active with the Labor party; she doesn't rule out a future in politics, but her husband's opinion will be the major consideration.

Throughout her career, at least since she has been married, Hermon said, she has put her family first. While her children, now 16 and 13, were young she declined taking on more demanding jobs because she wanted to be at home with them in the evening. She attributes the excellent day care offered by Na'amat as enabling her to continue her career.

It was Rabin, now defence minister and former Prime Minister, who was her mentor and friend. "He was wonderful...I remember when I first started working in his office, he said to me we are all human beings, all I ask is that when you make a mistake that you admit.

"I couldn't believe that such a big person, a general, would speak to me that way. I was only a lieutenant then."

When she achieved high rank herself, Hermon remembered those words. "I never wanted the simple soldier to be afraid of me. I hate saluting, I hate bureaucracy."

Barbie unrepentant as sentence delivered

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and deportation in April 1944 of 44 Jewish children at a shelter in Izieu village, near Lyons, some as young as 5. All perished at Auschwitz.

• They found him guilty of arresting 86 persons at the office of the Jewish welfare organization in Lyons, 82 of whom were deported and never returned.

• He was guilty of organizing the last convoy of deportees from Lyons, more than 800 Jews and resistance fighters who were sent to death camps in August, 1944, only days before Lyons was liberated by Allied forces.

The prisoner appeared in the dock for sentencing. Arrogant and unrepentant, he had been absent from court since May 13 when, invoking the French rule that a defendant needn't be present at his trial, he denounced the proceedings as illegal and declared he would boycott them.

But the court ordered Barbie brought from his cell Friday to hear the verdict. He stood impassively, head cocked to listen to the German translation. He showed no emotion, expressed no regrets, offered no explanations.

When Judge Cerdini asked if he had anything to say before sentence was pronounced, Barbie replied, in fluent French: "I did not round up the children of Izieu. I did not have the power to decide on deportations. I fought the resistance, which I respect, with toughness. It was war and the war is now over. Thank you."

He shook hands with his attorney, smiled at his daughter, Ute Messner, gave a last cursory glance around the courtroom, and was taken from the building by a heavily armed guard.

Verges seemed dazed by the verdict and sentence. Apparently he had believed until the end that his client would receive, if not acquittal, a reduced sentence. He was a bitter man. As the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent tried to reach him through the milling crowd, he turned and shouted over his shoulder, "You have a good story and Israel can celebrate." Only a few days earlier Verges had told the JTA: "I tried to show that the Jews are the most vociferous, but certainly not the only victims of racism and large scale massacres. I think I have succeeded in this."

As he left the court under police escort, he was besieged by hundreds outside the building who shouted "Death to Verges," "Verges SS" and "Verges is Barbie's accomplice."

Barbie himself apparently lost some of his aplomb once back in his cell at St. Josephs prison. Acccording to warders, he shook his head, saying "incredible. I fail to understand."

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Qualifications: Knowledge of health and safety hazards/controls re chemical, biological and physical agents; related postsecondary studies with emphasis on science, industrial technology or engineering; knowledge of industrial processes obtained through experience in industrial or institutional establishments; good knowledge of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations; ability to conduct investigations and resolve conflicts; excellent report-writing and presentation skills; experience in logging operations for LB-92/87, LB-93/87, LB-94/87 and LB-95/87, fluency in French for LB-90/87, LB-97/87, and LB-104/87, fluency in French an asset for remaining positions; valid driver's licence.

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Please submit seperate application/resume for each position and/or location of interest by Aug. 7, 1987. Quoting relevant file number, send to: Ministry of Labour, Human Resources Branch, 400 University Avenue, 2nd Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1T7.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

OUR NEW ADDRESS

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WE ARE GOING ON VACATION

It's that time of year again! The CJN staff is going on vacation the last couple of weeks in July and we will not be publishing the issues of July 30 and Aug. 6. That means that material for What's New and About People that would ordinarily appear in those issues must be included in the July 23 columns (i.e. events up to Aug. 12). The deadline for that issue is 5 p.m. Friday, July 10. I will be at my desk all that day to receive your calls.

Friday, July 10

CONCERT IN THE ROUND

Temple Sinai's Our Musical Legacy series is presenting an Oneg Shabbat Concert in the Round on Friday, July 10, following services.

The concert features pianist **Galia Shaked**, violinist **Ruth Fazal** and cellist **Susan Green** in a program of works by **Haim Alexander, Paul Ben-Haim, Ernest Bloch** and **Dmitri Shostokovitch**.

Services begin at 8.15 p.m. The temple is located at 210 Wilson Ave.

Saturday, July 11

TOTAL LIVING DANCE

Total living is holding a dance on Saturday,July 11, at 8 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard). Popular deejay **Don Del Greco** will be on hand and there will be coffee and prizes.

Admission is $4 members, $5 non-members.

Sunday, July 12

SOLDIERS' TOWER CARILLON

Bring a picnic and your friends and enjoy the Soldiers' Tower Carillon summer recitals on Sundays from 7.30-8.30 p.m. throughout July and August at the University of Toronto.

These recitals are free and open to the public. The best places to listen are on the lawn in front of Hart House, on the back campus or in the quadrangle of Hart House and University College. Also, if you are interested in a 20 to 30 minute tour of the tower, meet at the base of the tower at 8.30 p.m. following the concert.

The July 12 recital features U of T carillonneur **Sydney Shep**. For information, call 978-2021.

BARBECUE AND GENERAL MEETING

On Sunday, July 12, Total Living is having its annual barbecue at 5 p.m. at Earl Bales Park (Bathurst and Sheppard), weather permitting. This is for members only and pre-paid reservations are a must.

Then at 8 p.m., there's the general meeting being held at Earl Bales Community Centre. The guest speaker, brought back by popular demand, will be **Morry MacLeod**, Humber College professor, who will continue his talk on Human Sexuality. If you missed him last time, this is your chance to hear this dynamic speaker.

Admission is $2 members, $3 non-members. Refreshments will be served.

Also, don't forget the professional ballroom dance lessons with **Frank McKie** every Monday at 8.30 p.m. in the Kadima Room, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. The charge is $1 members, $2 non-members.

Wednesday, July 15

JOHN TURNER TO SPEAK

Federal Liberal leader John Turner will be speaking on current affairs on Wednesday, July 15, at 7.30 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

This event is open to everyone and admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

BONDS FASHION SHOW

Israel Bonds Women's Division recently held a very successful brunch and jewelry fashion show featuring the silver jewelry of Israeli designer Rachel Gera, who was in Toronto for the occasion. The event took place at the home of Louise Cornblum. From left are Esther Berkel, special events chairman; Yetta Randall, co-chairman; Rachel Gera; Reggie Levenstadt, co-chairman sponsor brunch, and Louise Cornblum.

USA WELCOMES KREUTZER

The Ontario Branch of United Synagogue of America welcomed international president Franklin Kreutzer (right) of Miami, at a recent well-attended dinner board meeting at Adath Israel Synagogue. With him are Harry Silverman, regional director, and Ruth Bass, former president, Ontario Branch. [Mollie Rothman photo]

And What Else Is New...

ACCESSIBILITY FOR DISABLED

The Accessibility to Facilities for Jewish Disabled publication is available to agency workers and individuals. The directory is free, but it must be picked up. Contact the Jewish Information Service, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale. The phone number is 635-5600.

TEL-AIDE: JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Tel-Aide: the Jewish Distress Line volunteers are available to listen days, evenings and Sundays. Tel-Aide listeners have all taken an extensive training course. They are well qualified to listen and are be happy to spend time with you on the phone.

Tel-Aide is a call-in service only and is sponsored by Toronto Jewish Congress. The number to call is 636-9610.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITY FOR MEN

Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly has a summer opportunity available for gentlemen.

The skills required are to be friendly, like to talk, listen and care. The time required is two hours a week. The pay is, of course, the going rate for volunteer assignments. But the benefits are the satisfaction and joy you gain in contributing to someone needing a caring companion.

If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer visiting program, call **Selma Taylor** at 635-2860.

CHILD CARE CENTRES

The North York YMCA is taking registration for children 6 to 9 years old for the First Base Child Care Centres in North York for September.

The centres, at various locations across North York, provide creative programs in a friendly safe setting from 7.30-9 a.m. and 3.30-6 p.m. The centres also provide full-day programs on PA days (Professional Awareness) and during the winter and March breaks.

For more information on location, availablility and cost, contact **Rona Kaushansky**, Child Care manager, at North York YMCA, 567 Sheppard Ave. W., North York, Ont. M2K 1B2, or phone 225-7773.

DANCE THEATRE WORKSHOPS

A series of Desrosiers Dance Theatre summer workshops for children will be held at the Koffler Centre School for Dance, Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. The workshops, July 14-16, are made possible through the Incentive Grant Program of the Metro Toronto Cultural Affairs Division.

Dance technique, mime, make-up, stretch and balance, percussion and a 3-session mask-making workshop are offered to young people ages 9-13 and 14-18. The workshops do not require previous experience except for the dance technique sessions. All workshops are taught by **Robert Desrosiers**, the dancers and musicians of the Desrosiers Dance Theatre.

For further information and registration, call the Koffler Centre School for Dance at 636-1880, ext. 237.

Following the workshops, the dance theatre company will perform two shows at the Leah Posluns Theatre on Saturday, July 18, and Sunday, July 19, at 8 p.m. Tickets are $8 and $6 and may be purchased at all BASS outlets or at the theatre box office, 630-6752.

A CHALLENGING EXPERIENCE

Students! Are you looking for a challenging experience?

Spring Garden Summer Project is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help run its recreation program for multiply handicapped children.

Volunteers will be matched on a one-to-one basis with a handicapped child to assist with physical and developmental exercises, creative play, swimming and outdoor programs. The program is held at a school in the central North York area.

If you can commit yourself for three weeks to help with this important project, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

LANDSCAPE ART CAMP

A landscape art day camp for high school students is being held at the McMichael Canadian Collection in Kleinberg, Ont., Aug. 17-28.

It is a studio camp which includes workshops by contemporary artists **Jim Reid, Jeffrey Spalding, Dieter Hastenteufel** and **Lupe Rodrigez**. Also, a special workshop in a printmaker's studio is one of the many behind-the-scenes opportunities.

The fee of $250 includes transporation. Bursaries are available. For information, contact **Jeffrey Black** at 893-1121.

EAST YORK MEALS ON WHEELS

The East York Meals on Wheels program is a community support service which offers hot, nutritious meals up to six times a week to the elderly and disabled. Meal delivery is done entirely by volunteers working in teams of two, a driver and a helper. The time involved is around 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., approximately two hours from beginning to end.

With your help, the program can offer these people some support necessary to help them avoid institutional care and remain in their own home.

Volunteer your time once or twice a month, or even better, one or more times a week. If you are interested, call 424-3322.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Dr. Alan Bardikoff (right), chairman of the Toronto Jewish Congress Holocaust Education Committee, spoke at a recent breakfast meeting sponsored by the Toronto New Leadership Division of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. His presentation on Teaching the Holocaust in the Wake of Keegstra and Zundel, was part of the division's lecture series. Chairman was Mark Diamond (left). For information on the division's upcoming activities, contact Canadian Friends at 789-2633. [Graphic Artists photo]

NATURAL HYGIENE SOCIETY

The American Natural Hygiene Society conference takes place July 24-31 at Brock University in St. Catharines. For details, contact the Toronto chapter office at 781-0359.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS

Come and participate in the various activities offered at Baycrest Centre. Outings, fitness and evening programs held in beautiful surroundings are available for your enjoyment and satisfaction when you become a volunteer. Baycrest Centre, with its unique "Campus of Care" provides you with the opportunity of expanding your horizons and learning new skills.

If you are interested, contact the volunteer services department at 789-5131, ext. 2572.

FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Synagogue and Temple Administrators of Toronto (STAT) held its first annual conference at the Holiday Inn, Yorkdale, recently. The theme of the conference was The Role of the Administrator in the Synagogue Community.

The meeting was chaired by **Micki Brudner**, Temple Sinai, president of STAT. Participants were **Nathan Abramowitz**, Beth Tzedec; **Bernice Levine**, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda; **Rhoda Goldstein**, Temple Emanu-El; **Mel Olsberg**, Holy Blossom Temple; **Ruth Podeswa**, Beth Sholom; **Stuart Razin**, Beth Tikvah, and **Shirley Vernon**, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

A crash course in conversational Hebrew is being given at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue with instructor **Yael Lev**. This 8-session course runs twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-9.30 p.m., for four weeks. It started Tuesday, July 7, but it is not too late to enrol.

The course is designed for beginners. A prerequisite is a knowledge of Hebrew reading.

The cost is $30 members, $45 non-members. For information, call the synagogue office at 789-3213 or Mrs. Lev at 225-6151.

at the jcc

The JCC North-East Valley Singles Network invites you to a drop-in evening on Saturday, July 11, for games, refreshments and music, all in the relaxed atmosphere of the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. The time is 8.30 p.m. and the charge is $3 members, $5 non-members. For information, call **Sally Kerbel** at 889-0813 or **Fran Dalal** at 731-5664.

Play tennis and dance to the music of a dynamic deejay, nibble on noshies and enjoy a fun evening in the country club setting of the Valley at the tennis round robin and dance arranged by the

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Organizations and People

What's New

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JCC North-East Valley Singles Network for Sunday, July 19. If tennis doesn't appeal to you, come to the dance later in the evening. Tennis is at 7 p.m. (bring your own equipment including tennis balls). The dance is at 9. Cost for tennis and dance is $5 members with cards, $7 non-members. For the dance alone, cost is $4 members with cards, $6 non-members. For information, call **Sally Kerbel** at the Valley office at 889-0813.

And don't forget about the JCC Valley Singles Centre's singles social Hot Line for 24-hour (taped) information on happenings in the Jewish community. The number is 889-5101.

for seniors

Temple Sinai Seniors will present a musical program with **George and Sharon Frank** at the meeting on Tuesday, July 14, at 1 p.m. at the temple, 210 Wilson Ave.

JCC North-East Valley Club Chaverim, 7015 Leslie St., has meetings every Monday afternoon (excluding holidays) from 1-3 p.m. Come out and join this congenial group for bingo, games, movies, speakers and entertainment. For more information, contact **Sally Kerbel** at the Valley office at 889-0813.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets for lunch and bingo on Tuesday, July 14, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Non-members are welcome. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

LZA Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. Light lunches are available. Members enjoy an afternoon of cards, chess and shuffleboard...Every Tuesday morning at 10, the Cultural Circle discusses a topic of current interest. On July 14, **Goldie Levine** will talk about Isaac Managa and His Literature.

At the **Wagman Centre** — A health education lecture, entitled What Allergy Is — And What We Can Do About It, is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, from 1-2 p.m. at the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The lecturer will be **Susan Daglish**, executive director of the Allergy Information Association. Register at the Wagman Centre office by July 14. For further information, call 789-5131, ext. 2267...60 and Holding, a 10-week nutrition counselling and weight reduction program is now being offered at the centre. The program includes lectures, weigh-in, cooking advice and optional fitness testing and body measurement. Sessions are held Mondays at 7.30 p.m. or Tuesdays at 9.30 a.m. The cost is $30 Wagman Centre members, $40 non-members. For information, call 789-5131, ext. 2272...Programs and concerts in the Assembly Room include the Bernard Betel Creative Living Choir, under the direction of **John Herberman**, on Sunday, July 12, from 2-3 p.m. and the Second Mile Rockettes on Tuesday, July 14, from 7.30-8.30 p.m...A reminder that the multicultural garden party takes place Thursday, July 9, from 1.30-3.30 p.m.

The Sunshine Seniors 55 and Over invites you to join in the upcoming trips — The Catskills, Aug. 16-21, a 6-day program with deluxe accommodation, three meals daily, day trips, excursions and many extras, and Cape Cod, Sept. 7-12, also six days, with 10 meals, insurance, first quality accommodations. Book early to avoid disappointment by calling **Sylvia** at 665-1768 or 638-5560.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The La'Briyut Wellness Centre is sponsoring its 7th annual Health Fair on Wednesday, July 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the centre. This year's theme is Wellness — Getting On With Life. Included on the program will be visits from **Ron Van Horne**, minister for senior citizens affairs, and other noted dignitaries, plus keynote speakers well-known author and geriatrician **Dr. Michael Gordon** and nurse **Sue Johansen** (known as "The Sex Lady"). There will also be literature and information from over 60 community agencies, numerous health clinics, films and videos on various health-related topics. Health snacks and a full lunch will be available. This event is free and open to everyone.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is offering three courses in cooperation with the North York Board of Continuing Education, all beginning in July. There is no fee for seniors or centre members. Non-members under 65 will be charged $2 each session. The courses are — The Artist and His Times with artist-lecturer **Tom Pileggi**, Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon plus a new evening session Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. starting July 9; Computers for Seniors, eight classes with **Sam Povering**, Wednesdays, 1.30-3.30 p.m., starting July 22, and Women of the Bible with **Rabbi Deborah Brin** of Congregation Darchei Noam, three classes, Mondays 1.15-3.15 p.m., starting July 13.

LLI's Thursday seminar on July 16 will deal with Communicating With (Grand) Children Through Literature with **Michelle McGowen**. That's at 1.30 p.m. The lecture is open to the community. There is no charge for members, $1 for non-members.

How Our Society Handles Death is the topic of the health lecture on Thursday, July 9, at 1.30 p.m. The speaker is **Greta Riddel-Dixon**.

The Sunday program on July 12 at 2 p.m. presents the movie, The Mask. Admission is $1 members, $1.50 non-members.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 and over and living on their own is holding a meeting on Thursday, July 9, at 7 p.m. in the music room. **Walter Strom**, excursionist, will show his slides on Japan. This is for members only. The fee is $1.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. For information on rates and deadlines please call Karen at 422-2528.

For Professionals and University Grads. Saturday, July 18th. The Adelaide Club. For membership information call: High Society — 783-8520.

Beth Tikvah "Chai" Singles Group announces the event of the summer season: on Sunday, August 16, join us on a trip by air-conditioned bus to ARTPARK, in Lewiston, New York, to see Irving Berlin's musical "Annie Get Your Gun"! We'll spend a beautiful day on the premises, having lunch in the surroundings of Artpark, then we'll travel to Victoria Park Restaurant, in Niagara Falls, for a superb dinner in view of the Falls. Prices for this unique outing (taxes and gratuities included) are: $45 for members and $50 for visitors. For more details and reservations call: Barbara (494-5516), Rose (226-1854), or Issac (925-6572). Deadline is July 31st.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents: Detroit/Toronto Singles Weekend. July 17-19. Friday 8:00 p.m., Oneg Shabbat, Beth Emeth Synagogue. Saturday Night 9:00 p.m. — Cocktail dance party, Triumph Hotel, Senator Ballroom. Sunday 10:30 — Brunch, Weston Hotel. Sid 222-7111.

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About People

Susan Posner

Ellen Drazner

UNITED SYNAGOGUE APPOINTMENTS

The United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, has announced the appointments of **Susan Posner** as regional administrator and **Ellen Drazner** as regional youth director.

Susan Posner has been president of Shaar Shalom Synagogue and of the sisterhood, vice-president of education for Women's League for Conservative Judaism and an Ontario Region board member. She is experienced in community affairs and public relations.

Ellen Drazner, who has a BA degree in recreational and leisure studies and sociology, has been a youth director for two synagogues in Eastern Canada Region and has been involved in regional programs for the past five years. Currently, she is also the youth director at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue.

BROTHERHOOD EXECUTIVE

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood has elected **Emil Bienstock** as president for the 1987-88 year.

Serving on the executive with him are **Joseph Lifshitz**, 1st vice-president; **Mike Cohen**, 2nd vice-president; **Kalman Bielak**, treasurer; **Peter Reynolds**, recording secretary; **Bernie Grossman**, corresponding secretary, and **Norman Silver**, immediate past president.

BETH SHOLOM VIPs

Carl Winer was elected president of Beth Sholom Congregation at its annual general membership election meeting.

Carl Winer

Mr. Winer has served Beth Sholom diligently since the formation of the Couples Club in 1963. From that time on he has been active in all facets of synagogue life on every committee and most recently as 1st vice-president.

Other newly elected officers are **Sam Zale**, 1st vice-president; **Marshall Folk**, 2nd vice-president; **Julius Goodbaum**, treasurer, and **Arthur Lipton**, immediate past president.

The Brotherhood officers for the coming year are **Bernie Parl**, president; **Syd Solomons**, 1st vice-president; **Jack Serota**, 2nd vice-president; **Barry Freeman**, 3rd vice-president; **Al Rich**, corresponding secretary; **Alan Zelunka**, recording secretary; **Al Freedman**, treasurer, and **David Brown**, immediate past president.

HAMILTON JNF HONORS GUNN

Four hundred people attended the Hamilton Jewish National Fund's Negev Dinner honoring Mel Gunn (seated) which took place at the Adas Israel auditorium recently. With him (from left) are Israel Consul-General Benjamin Abileah, Hamilton JNF president Sheldon Frank and Negev Dinner chairman Davee Gunn. [Martin Tosoian photo]

Child abuse awareness

EDMONTON — A citizens protection group based here has begun a public awareness campaign aimed at preventing crimes against children.

Victims of Violence is distributing a poster describing various ploys used to lure children, and recommended responses in such situations.

Some of those points include:

- Use the buddy system; don't go places alone.
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Bess Joffe (second from left) has a happy reaction to the news that she had won an El Al return ticket to Israel in UJA Walk for Israel draw. With her are (from left) El Al representative Sheryl Kohl, Gloria Clamen and Barbara Lampcov, UJA Walk and Festival chairmen.

Prize is return ticket to Israel

Student wins UJA draw

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
When students in the grade 6 class at Bialik Hebrew Day School were told there would be a special presentation coming up, rumor was already out that the winner of an El Al return ticket to Israel was in their midst.

In that class was one lucky boy or girl whose name had been drawn from among hundreds of eligible entrants who had turned in a minimum $50 in sponsor money at the United Jewish Appeal Walk for Israel on May 17.

Present for the special occasion at Bialik were UJA Walk and Festival chairmen Gloria Clamen and Barbara Lampcov, along with El Al representative Sheryl Kohl.

According to Clamen and Lampcov, "The air in that classroom was charged with suspense and excitement until the surprise appearance of Stan and Dale Joffe." It was only then that their 11-year-old daughter Bess learned that she was the winner of the trip.

The Joffe family had been talking of the possibility of a trip to Israel in a year-and-a-half to celebrate Bess' bat mitzvah. Now, they say, they will go a lot sooner.

"To date, the 1987 Walk for Israel has chalked up a total of $170,000 in sponsor money turned in, plus an additional $30,000 from corporate sponsors," said Clamen, "and we're not through yet."

And tax assessment is cut

Hamilton JCC sold; new site purchased

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
The Hamilton Jewish Community Centre has been sold. And this time it's for real.

A beaming Harvey Waxman, president of the JCC, made the announcement at the June 25 Hamilton Jewish Federation board meeting.

He also announced that the JCC has purchased a new site on Lower Lions Club Road in Ancaster, just outside the western city limits.

In a separate development, Waxman also announced that the Legislature had that very afternoon passed a private members' bill which will cut the JCC's tax assessment over the past two years by over $40,000.

The bill, which was presented by Wentworth North MPP Chris Ward, finally recognizes the JCC as a non-profit organization and brings it in line with the Ottawa and Toronto JCCs and the local YMCAs.

The announcement of the sale came almost nine years to the day after a community meeting was called to decide on a proposal to sell the then 28-year old JCC building at 57 Delaware. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor.

Since then there have been several announcements of imminent sales, of pending options on new sites. There have been feasibility studies, in-depth community studies and even an architect's proposal for a new building.

In October, 1980, a banner headline in the Federation News proclaimed We're On The Move as a lease on temporary quarters in the west end was being negotiated and in December of that year the community bid farewell to the old JCC with a reunion and a special celebration.

But it all came to nought and the building remained for sale.

Ironically, where there'd been barely a nibble in years, recent weeks brought a sudden spate of offers and the building finally went to the Jehovah's Witnesses for $350,000. The Witnesses, "who were interested in it all along," according to Waxman, plan to tear it down to make way for a church.

This means the JCC will be able to remove everything, including the cornerstone, the Holocaust memorial statue by local sculptor George Wallace and even the fire alarm system, he said.

The building has to be vacated by Aug. 31 and an energetic search for interim quarters is now under way.

"We'll need something for the next three years although realistically," said executive director Sid Brail, "we're probably looking at something like four to five years."

The empty school in the west end the JCC rented during the past year for children's and some adult programs also has to be vacated by the end of August.

The new site, a 38.4-acre property off Hwy. 2 was bought for $300,000 after consultation with a group of prominent local business leaders, who agreed to underwrite the purchase.

The site is conveniently located in the triangle between west Hamilton, Dundas and Ancaster, where by far the majority of local Jews now live. Burlington residents will find it easily accessible via Hwy. 403.

On the cut in the tax assessment, Brail said, "We began working on this a year ago but it should have been done way back in 1949."

Meanwhile the JCC delayed paying 1986 property taxes. The new assessment will bring the JCC annual tax bill to approximately $6,000 from $28,000 which will result in substantial savings over the two years, he explained.

Canadian racquetball champ Greenfeld named Manitoba's Jewish athlete of the year

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Canadian racquetball champion Sherman Greenfeld was named Manitoba's Jewish athlete of the year recently, at the annual YMHA Jewish Community Centre Sports Dinner.

Greenfeld has been ranked as the top player in the country since 1985 and has been the national professional champion for the last two years. In May, 1986, in Toronto, he won the national championships pitted against the top amateur and professional players in Canada.

The 7-time Manitoba champion recently regained his amateur status and was named to the Canadian team for the Pan-American Racquetball Championships set for September in Colorado Springs. He is hoping to compete in the 1988 world championships in West Germany.

The two runners-up were speedskater Tracy Leipsic and golfer-hockey player Jeff Halper.

Also nominated for the award, won last year by decathlete Gord Orlikow, were hockey players David Earn and Jonathan Margolis, gymnast Randy Fleisher, roller-skater Ron White, distance runner Hartley Miller, racquetball player Ari Posner and rhythmic gymnast Leah Brooker.

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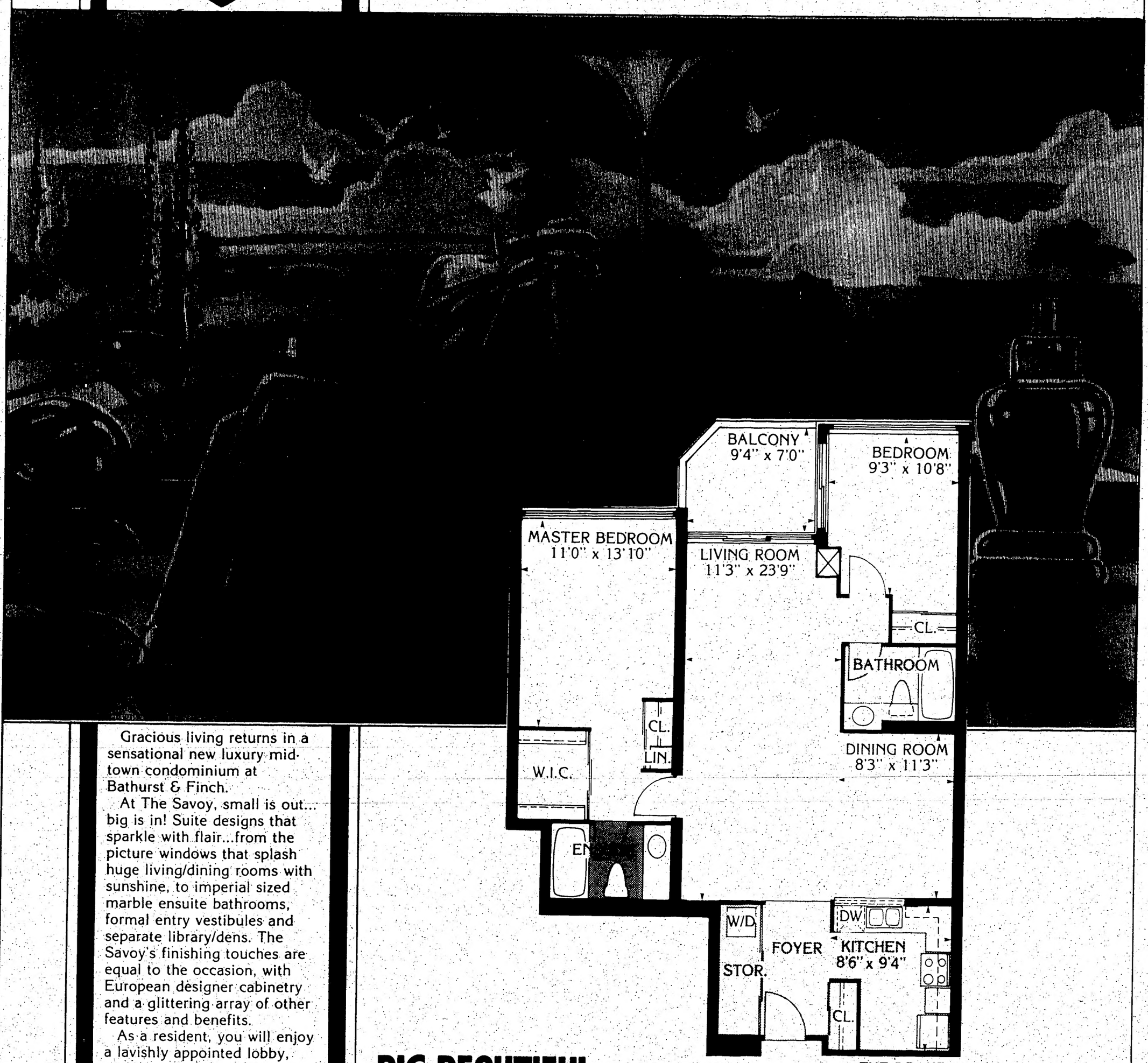

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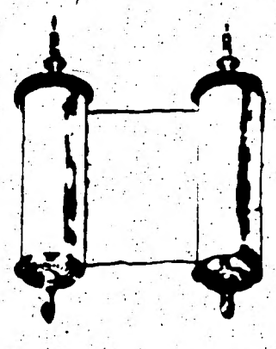

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Balak

We must only see the good in another Jew.

When the saintly Reb Zusia of Anipoli was a young man, a certain Jew came to his rabbi, the Mezritcher Maggid, for a blessing.

Reb Zusia detected on the man's face that he was a great sinner, without the least remorse. "Sinner!" He berated the man: "You dare come to our holy rabbi knowing that you commit such transgressions!"

Shamefacedly, the man left.

Afterwards, Reb Zusia considered how he had embarrassed the man, and was greatly distressed. His rabbi pronounced over him the verse (from this week's parsha): "Mah tovu ohalecha Yaakov. How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob!" and blessed him that henceforth he should see only the good in a fellow Jew.

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How dare we Jews criticize each other? Are there not enough anti-semites who do all the Jew-hating that is necessary?

Jew hating is sometimes a key to success. "Kol hamaitzar liYisrael naaseh rosh . . . He who causes Israel to suffer rises to the top. . . ."

This week's parsha begins with the story of the Jew-hater, Balak ben Tzippor, of Moab.

"And Balak ben Tzippor saw. . . ."

Why do they just call him Balak ben Tzippor? Wasn't he the king? No! He started off just a commoner, a "hedyot. . . ."

But . . . once he started criticizing and hating the Jews... "UBalak ben Tzippor melech li'Moab ba'eit hahee. . . . And Balak was king at that time. . . ."

When he told his fellow Moabites! "I will lead you against the Jews!" He was elected the king, the secretary general of Moab. . . .

* * *

Every person has great abilities — but how do we use them, well or badly?

Teaches the Medrash: "It is better for the wicked that they should be blind, for their eyes bring evil upon the world!"

Here the verse begins: "Vayar Balak . . . Balak saw!" And he tried to curse the Jews. . . .

"Vayar Cham avi Canaan . . . And Ham the father of Canaan saw the nakedness of his father. . . ." And brought destruction to his family.

"Vayar otah sarei Pharaoh...And Pharaoh's officers saw Sarah," and they immediately involved her in a scandal. . . ."

The world outside is beautiful, is holy, is full of promise. We can look out and see the good, see what mitzvahs we can accomplish, see what love we can share, see what goals we can achieve.

Or we can look out on the world sourly, pessimistically, lustfully, wickedly, seeing what gossip we can gather, what faults we can find, what ulcers we can cause.

The world is the world — it is up to us to shape it.

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The son of a prince taunted a slave boy. Answered the clever slave: "Your pedigree ends with you. Mine begins with me." Shabbat Shalom.

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Dzurilla, Sheldon begin retirement

TJC staffers look back on decades

By
ESTHER MEHR

Prior to luncheon held on the eve of their retirement, Anne Dzurilla and Ada Sheldon are shown with three of the many "bosses" they had served over the years. From left are Irwin Gold, Steven Ain and Benjamin Schneider.

TORONTO —
After chalking up more than 60 years of continuous service between them, two veteran Toronto Jewish Congress staffers are "hanging up the gloves" to begin a well-earned retirement.

Anne Dzurilla and Ada Sheldon joined the United Jewish Welfare Fund and United Jewish Appeal in the 50s — 1954 and 1958, to be exact.

Dzurilla, whose ethnic roots originate in Czechoslovakia, said she's lost track of the passing parade of bosses she's worked for over three decades. At the time of her retirement she was secretary to Ben Schneider, a UJWF Endowment Fund consultant and former UJWF executive vice-president.

At a luncheon attended by the combined staff of TJC, UJA and Canadian Jewish Congress, TJC executive director Steven Ain sparked a responsive chord as he recalled the time when Anne was his secretary during his term as UJA campaign director. "The toughest thing I had to do was convince my leadership that Annie wasn't Jewish," he noted.

Almost everyone who met her or spoke with her on the telephone during her years on the job, automatically assumed that "Annie" was Jewish. She had acquired an affinity for basic Yiddish phrases which she could use effectively whenever the occasion arose for the right word at the right time. Anne was fully attuned to the Jewish environment in which she has spent so great a part of her life.

Polish-born Ada Sheldon moved with her family to Montreal as a very young child. In 1946 she and her late husband settled in Toronto, where her working career has been confined to Jewish communal organizations, beginning with a secretarial stint at the Jewish National Fund.

She joined the Welfare Fund as a secretary and was soon promoted to the position of office manager. In her latter years with the organization, Ada was the staff person solely responsible for the operation of the Central Fund for Traditional Institutions.

Ada sets out on her retirement with a trip to Israel with her family. Anne plans a holiday with her daughter and grandson.

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Jewish Women's Federation Shalom Toronto Committee

Newcomers to the city get a warm welcome

Ella Lapidus (left), newcomer from Lithuania, holds Shalom Toronto welcome basket with Barbara Abrams, who is JWF Shalom Toronto committee co-chairman with Marlene Bloom at right.

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
Getting to Know You from Rodgers and Hammerstein's King and I, could have been the theme for a recent unique evening arranged by Jewish Women's Federation Shalom Toronto Committee.

The committee, co-chaired by Barbara Abrams and Marlene Bloom, was created to welcome newcomers to the Toronto Jewish community with personal visits by greeters who are committee members.

Invited guests who attended the function at the Lipa Green Building were recent arrivals from all parts of Canada, South Africa, the United States, Israel and Lithuania. They ranged in age from the 20s to the 60s.

The purpose of the function was twofold. First, to officially welcome the newcomers, and second, to introduce them to the many organizations, facilities and services this Jewish community has to offer, and as one of the evening's speakers added: "to provide community bonding" by getting the new people involved.

Representatives from five major women's organizations (all JWF affiliates) were on hand to answer questions and provide information about their respective activities.

Involved were Hadassah-WIZO; Toronto Women's ORT; Na'amat Pioneer Women; National Council of Jewish Women Toronto Section; and Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

Also present was Toronto Jewish Congress president Herb Rosenfeld, who briefly outlined the structure of TJC and the allocation process of funding for Israel and local needs.

Eileen Pilchick, formerly of Poughkeepsie, NY, spoke on behalf of the newcomers, saying: "The visit from the greeters and the information given us was great. It's a terrific thing you do."

Before the evening came to a close, JWF director Carol Seidman gave guests a tour of the Cultural Wing of the Lipa Green Building — the library, museum and Holocaust centre.

Maccabi Canada selection hit

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Maccabi Canada's selection of a gymnast to compete in the upcoming Pan American Maccabiah Games is being criticized by one of the country's best Jewish gymnasts.

Ivo Horak, 21, said the choice of a 20-year-old Edmonton gymnast as the sole male member of the gymnastics team was "unfair" to the better athletes who have been left behind. Horak, rated 10th in Canada all-round (when combining performances in different exercises), said he was making the criticism not to benefit himself, but because he see an "injustice" to other athletes who deserve to go.

But Bernie Offstein, chairman of the national athletic committee of Maccabi Canada, defended the choice, saying the selection was made with a view to enhancing the organization's Canada-wide standing.

He acknowledged the Edmonton gymnast was not the best athlete available, but he was the best available from Edmonton. Sending an Edmontonian helps get Albertans interested in Maccabi Canada, he said.

In additon, Offstein pointed out, previous Pan Am competitions have not featured athletics at the highest level.

He said athletes of Horak's calibre would gain little from the competition, this year slated for Caracas, Venezuela July 19-25.

But Horak, who finished 2nd all-round in the recent CIAU university championships in Hamilton, says recreational gymnasts ought not represent Canada. There are many good young athletes at the national level who would love to compete in Caracas, he said.

Ivo Horak shows some of the strength it takes to be a top-flight gymnast.

At 20 years of age, he added, it's too late to develop a gymnast. At that stage, international competition fine tunes them and rewards an athlete for work done in the gym. It also lets judges "know who you are and what you can do," he said, something that can come in handy in later competitions such as the 1989 Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Offstein said the policy of giving all regions of the country the opportunity to participate at the Pan Am Games will be shelved for the 1989 Maccabiah, when only the best available athletes will be chosen.

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Nostalgia-filled reunion (without mosquitoes)

Winnipeggers' bash spurs world-class memories

By
ED FEUER

TORONTO —

"These eyes have seen a lot of love but they're never gonna to see another love like I had with you."

It was home thoughts from Hogtown as ex-Winnipeggers danced to the song by Burton Cummings and the Guess Who under Portage and Main street signs and remembered their love for the city where the old Red River flows.

Some 500 people gathered at Desoto's Cabaret recently for a reunion which largely lived up to its billing as a nostalgia-filled bash for all Winnipeggers — past, present and future.

The talented Desoto Dancers strutted their stuff and DJ Andy Frost of Toronto's Q107 and an ex-Winnipegger himself hosted the event which for many was a night to discover who else had gone far beyond the floodway.

While comparing the merits of the two cities (more about that later), participants ate away at their memories. Desoto's remembered one of Winnipeggers' favorite pasttimes and flew in the food — some of the best of the west.

There were no thoughts of windchill factors as people munched on Oscar's corned beef, Gunn's bagels, cole slaw from the White House, chili from the Sals, hot dogs from Kelekis, Winnipeg goldeye, perogies, cabbage rolls, Jeannie's cake and Old Dutch potato chips.

There was a draw for a trip for two to Winnipeg and yes, there was the crack that second prize was two trips for two. Funnyman Ron Rubin made the draw and his threat to make things authentic by releasing 10,000 mosquitoes did not materialize. The winner was Tim Hodgson who works at Merrill Lynch.

The polka contest was popular and the 60s Winnipeg trivia contest brought spirited responses. Everyone remembered Jack Skully was a regular on Bob Burns' Teen Dance Party but no one realized that George McCloy's Shut-In program on CJOB had a record for longevity.

The crowd was stumped on the name of the host of CJAY's Tiny Talent. But when the answer was given, it was announced he was present. It was TSN's John Wells — none other than the son of sportscaster Cactus Jack ("Well, it turned out nice again").

Replies to this reporter's question: "What's the biggest difference between Winnipeg and Toronto" showed that the hog remains in Hogtown and/or that some people from Manitoba's capital will always miss their city. Not unexpectedly, those who have lived here longer have become Toronto boosters.

Here are some of their comments:

• "Toronto has more of the attitude 'if you've got it, flaunt it' — and there's more people here who've got it."

• "You can see the money here, and the cars are newer."

• "In Winnipeg, people looked after each other. There was more of an idea of the common good."

• "There's more neighborliness and community spirit in Winnipeg. Toronto's too big for that."

• "Toronto's self-absorbed and self-indulgent. The inner city is more beautiful, more genteel. But not the suburbs."

• "Toronto JAPs make Winnipeg's look tame."

• "Baba and zaida have become bubbie and zaidie here. Where did they get that from?"

• "Winnipeggers rejoice in the success of their brothers and sisters. There's a high degree of jealousy here."

• One ex-Winnipegger who has lived in Toronto over 30 years said: "There was no tolerance in the early days. But things have really changed for the better and it has the capacity to be the best city in North America. It's a joy to live here now."

• "The chances of safe sex were better in Winnipeg."

• "I found it (Toronto) a very unfriendly and lonely place when I first came here. I got into trouble smiling at people in the subways and saying hello on the elevators. But things have improved."

• "Toronto is more cosmopolitan, or at least tries to be. Winnipeg is more parochial."

• "I don't think people on Portage Ave. are really any friendlier. Making friends here depends on how willing you are as an individual to go out and make friends."

• "People lack dependence on other people in Toronto. They're more self-centred and insulated."

• "The pace is quicker here but you can down five beers faster in Winnipeg."

• "In Toronto, when four cars are at a 4-way stop, each one was there first. In Winnipeg, you could be there all day."

• "Torontonians feel they don't need you because they have enough friends. They're not as open to new people."

• "Sure Winnipeggers are friendlier, but in my business Toronto is the hub of things."

• "I recognize people I knew years ago. I bet in a reunion of Torontonians in Los Angeles, people wouldn't know anyone."

Back in Toronto many did indeed recognize familiar faces and the natural friendliness of Winnipegers helped break the ice. But the organizers might have done more in the area of social facilitating at the reunion.

Even name tags including the names of the bearer's high school would have gone a long way. Next time, Desoto's.

Memories linger of a relaxing cruise on the River Rouge in Winnipeg.

Bombers' move east causes identity crisis

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO (but my heart's in Winnipeg) —

I suffered an identity crisis last week.

Perhaps other former Winnipeggers did too.

And we can thank the demise of the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League for it.

In case you missed the news, the Alouettes folded their tents and bailed out of the CFL, prompting league execs to switch Winnipeg from the Western Conference to the Eastern branch of the league.

Thousands of Winnipeg Blue Bomber fans went overnight from being Westerners to finding themselves considered Easterners. And that without loading the old U-Haul and trucking for two days on the Trans-Canada.

As someone who grew up on the Prairies, who still uses the word "she" as a more personal pronoun than "it" — as in "she's a hot day out there, anyways" — and as someone who will stand up and maintain that people out East don't really know what "cold" is, I found it a shock to my system to learn I was an Easterner all along.

But I propose a palliative to placate diehard Westerners from Winnipeg. And it's as simple as it was shifting Winnipeg to the Eastern Conference.

Simply rename the conferences. Instead of the Eastern and Western Conferences of the Canadian Football League, the CFL could sport the Western Conference, Western Division and the Western Conference, Eastern Division. The latter would include Winnipeg, Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa; the former, Saskatchewan, Edmonton, Calgary and BC.

Or, rename the Canadian Football League the Western Canadian Football League and see how those Easterners like being part of the West.

Before you go pooh-poohing this suggestion, over which I spent many seconds pondering, consider that it contains the same logic that allows ABC to broadcast NFL football games on Thursday and call it Monday Night Football, Thursday Night Edition.

Perhaps if the CBC ever adapts a similar format, say, Friday Night Football, and broadcasts CFL matchups, we could one day see the Eastern Division of the Western Conference of the CFL on Friday Night Football, Wednesday Night Edition.

Who knows, the new format might stir interest in Montreal and get the fans clamoring for their own CFL team, perhaps the Montreal Goldeye in the Eastern Division of the Western Conference, Quebec edition.

Ballard's blather. A word or two about Harold Ballard, owner of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and the Toronto Maple Leafs.

What can you say about a man who criticizes Charles Bronfman for not hanging on to the Als when they've already cost him $16-$17 million in losses since 1982.

The blustering Ti-Cat owner has even called for a boycott of Bronfman's distillery products. "They can't take the money with them," Ballard reportedly blathered. "If they had any guts, they'd forget about money and get a team in Montreal. All they have is dollar marks in their eyes."

Ballard, who loses up to $2 million a season as owner of the Cats, figures others should be as "gutsy" with their money as he is with his — throwing good money after bad is, in Ballard's books, real gutsy. With his attitude about spending, he should be running Canada Post. Then we could all be assured there'd be no strikes for years to come.

Somehow though, I doubt the Bronfmans will be too worried. Montreal "fans" who couldn't care less about attending an Alouette game will assuredly not care enough to boycott Bronfmans' distillery products.

Tribute to honor surgeon Cooper

TORONTO —

A tribute honoring pioneering lung surgeon Dr. Joel Cooper will raise funds for Toronto General Hospital where he works and the Kehillat Shaarei Torah Synagogue where he prays.

Cooper, who performed the world's first successful lung transplant three years ago, is being honored for both his medical dedication and commitment to his synagogue.

Money raised from the event, Sept. 9 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, will go to the Joel D. Cooper Endowment Fund. Both the hospital and the synagogue will then benefit from it, says tribute chairperson, Jocelyn Beigel.

Cooper managed to do what no other doctor had tried for 21 years, and some came to consider impossible. Taking years of research analyzing previous failures, Cooper developed new surgical techniques to make lung transplantation possible.

Cooper was born in Charleston in 1939, received his medical training at Harvard, with further surgical training at Massachusetts General Hospital and in England.

He came to Toronto, the birthplace of his father, in 1972 to a position with the division of thoracic surgery at Toronto General Hospital. He became head of the division in 1978, and head of thoracic surgery at the University of Toronto in 1982.

Paralleling his professional activities has been a commitment to his synagogue, says Beigel. She credits him with being the "driving force" behind the construction of its new home.

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Canadian dentists tour new TAU dental school

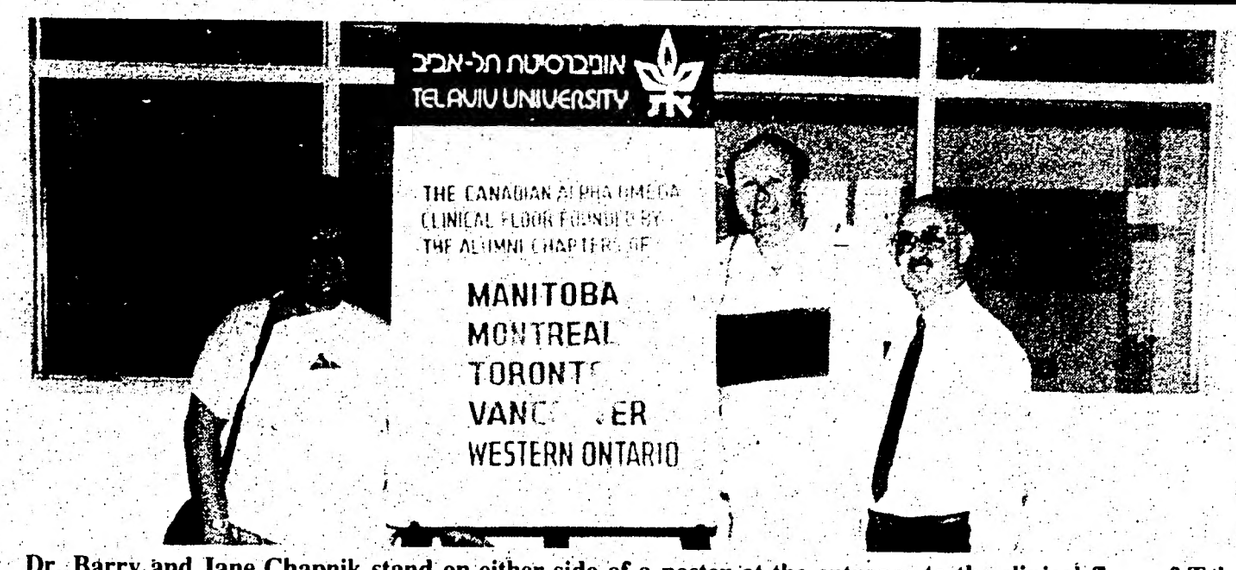
TORONTO —

The Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine at Tel Aviv University was recently inaugurated.

The facility was made possible by major contributions by the Goldschlegers, Kupat-Cholim organization in Israel, and the Alpha Omega Chapters in Canada and the United States.

A group of Canadian dentists, headed by Dr. and Mrs. Hart Levin of Toronto, visited the university and toured the facility prior to the official opening.

Upon their return home, campaign chairman Dr. Jerry Giblon and Toronto Chapter chairman Dr. Barry Chapnick voiced their pleasure in the clinical floor — the area of concentration for the Canadian campaign. They also spoke of their determination to continue the chapter's fund raising activities on behalf of the school.



Dr. Barry and Jane Chapnik stand on either side of a poster at the entrance to the clinical floor of Tel Aviv University's Maurice and Gabriella Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine. With the Chapniks — he is the president of Toronto's Alpha Omega Chapter — is Prof. Amos Buchner, dean of the school.

Jewish humor helps us cope, says joke maven

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Humor illustrates how Jews see themselves, Sidney Brickman told the annual Family-In-Israel dinner of Emunah Women held recently at Torath Emeth Congregation.

Brickman, an enginerer who has made his longtime hobby the study of Jewish humor, said: "Our jokes illustrate such characteristics as the ability to laugh at our own foibles, and a good natured irreverance about our traditions."

An Indian brave (Jewish, of course), is ordered by his social-climbing wife to build a huge "tsipee" (teepee) for their daughter's society wedding, Brickman recounted.

"The brave comes home after being away days and days. He is empty-handed. 'Nu?' says his wife. The brave answers: "I couldn't shecht any buffalo because by mistake I brought my milchig knife.' "

There is a lack of respect in Jewish humor, he went on, like that seen in families, "where the object is not to degrade, but to restore and maintain a vital intimacy in a world where Jews are frequently under attack," Brickman said.

"Impudence and chutzpah," he added, are part of our striving to "maintain some control over those who humiliate or persecute us."

A shnorrer, he related, was taken to task by a wealthy philanthropist for being too aggressive when begging. The shnorrer responded coldly "I don't give you advice about business: Don't (you) give me advice about shnorring."

Through our humor, Brickman said, we declare that we are indestructible because "we have the will to survive until the Messiah comes, even if that takes forever."

Who else, he asked, would tell the sardonic joke about the chap who is extremely impressed by the cage in a Moscow zoo containing a lion and a lamb, apparently living happily together.

Upon asking how this miracle was accomplished, he was told, "In Russia is anything possible. We just put a new lamb in every morning."

Gladys Blank, chairperson of the evening, told the audience about the progress Emunah, the religious Zionist women's organization, has made in raising funds for its most recent projects in Israel, Neve Michael, a day care centre in Pardes Chanah, and a girls' high school in Tiberias.

The Family-In-Israel program is an important means of raising money for its undertakings, she said.

Awards were presented to those who had made special efforts on behalf of Emunah, as well as to outgoing and incoming chapter presidents.

Rochelle Balaban, co-president of Toronto Council of Emunah, reported on the organization's recent activities which included its annual bazaar, a tour to Israel, a lecture series and a very popular Israeli dancing class.

Balaban, who is stepping down after 4 years in her position, was praised by former co-president and now sole president Bea Rosenfeld as "capable, dedicated and unflappable."

CJC in Sudbury receives grant

TORONTO —

The Canadian Jewish Congress office in Sudbury was recently awarded a $8,667 grant by the Ontario ministry of citizenship and culture to present a series of skills training workshops.

The award was one of 16 grants given to multicultural groups and organizations for publications, workshops, festivals and equipment.

"Multicultural awareness is a vital tool in improving the quality of life in Ontario," said Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Culture Lily Munro in announcing the grants.

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New light on value of Beit Halochem

Disabled Israeli vets make new friends in To.

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

"You should bring us here in the winter for surely your warmth and love would melt all the snow."

These emotional words were expressed by Eli Lalosh, a 38-year-old disabled Israeli soldier, describing the outpouring of affection from members of the Beth Tzedec Congregation and Holy Blossom Temple who hosted 20 disabled Israeli veterans who were brought to Toronto recently for a 2-week holiday.

Lalosh lost his right leg during a reconnaissance mission in the Golan Heights when his patrol was ambushed by terrorists in 1969. The cheerful curly-haired veteran who is married and has three teenage children said that after being hospitalized and fitted with a prosthesis, he had to learn how to walk with his new leg.

"I wasn't able to stand for long periods of time, so I couldn't return to my job." For the past 10 years, he has been driving a taxi. "And now the government has issued me a licence and is equipping a gas station for me in Carmel."

Interviewed by The CJN at a dinner and reception at the home of Sandy and Melvin Brown, Lalosh, whose parents arrived in Israel from Tunisia in 1949 said, "This is my first trip to Canada, and I don't have enough words to tell you how everybody here has been to us."

Turning to a young couple standing nearby he said with a chuckle, "This is my mother and father in Toronto, Maureen and Joe Solomon."

With halting words he implored, "Come to Israel. I think all Jews should make aliya and we would be stronger. Israel is the safest place in the world for Jews — war or no war."

One by one, the veterans and their hosts spoke of the overwhelming joy they are receiving from their new relationships. Berny Weinstein who established Aid to Disabled War Veterans of Israel (Canada) with the B'nai Israel-Beth David Congregation was shepping naches.

Weinstein explained that the 20 Israeli soldiers belong to Beit Halochem which is affiliated with Zahal Disabled War Veterans Organization. The members have several country club facilities for disabled people with special equipment that allows them to participate in social and recreational activities with their wives and children.

While the hosts and their Israeli guests exuberantly conversed throughout the house and garden, more than 50 people sat around the piano and accordian player Roman Perelstein in the living room, many on the floor, singing Hebrew songs for hours. Among the spirited singers were Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg, the spiritual leader of the Beth Tzedec Congregation, and Cantors Joseph Cooper, Eliezer Kirshblum and Paul Kowarsky.

"This is like Alice in Wonderland," said Reuven Goldschmied of Maaleh Adumin who received an arm injury in 1969. A member of the Israeli police, the 37-year-old group leader sat with his host family, Joan and Ted Shapiro and said that in Israel you don't have to struggle to keep your Judaism.

"If I had to force my son to go to school after school to learn Hebrew, he wouldn't like it," he said.

Vicki and Leon Shienfield who hosted Shlomo (Soly) Moyal of Rishon Letzion said they were overwhelmed with gratitude that they were given an opportunity "to meet and love" their Israeli guest. Vicki said that when Soly arrived, she was very apprehensive because her son didn't want to give up his room for the Israeli soldier.

Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander (centre) speaks with disabled Israeli veterans on their recent visit to Toronto as the guests of Beth Tzedec and Holy Blossom families.

"By nightfall, he was part of our family. The kids adore him and our young son Steven doesn't move without him. He helps the children with their homework, and I wouldn't have missed this wonderful opportunity for anything."

Ron Ayal, a 26-year-old paratrooper who was injurerd in a car accident in 1982 near the Lebanese border, told of his surprise to learn how much Canadian Jews care about Israel. Ayal, a computer programmer who was hosted by David Golden said, "I didn't expect it. I think this connection with Israel is very important and it makes me feel good to know how much you care about us because Israel needs you."

For two weeks, the soldiers took part in many activities including dinners hosted by congregation members, tours of Toronto, a trip to Niagara Falls, cottage country, the yacht club and the Parliament Buildings to meet Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander.

Reflecting on the visit, Denese Belchetz, the coordinator of the Holy Blossom's group, whose family hosted one of the disabled veterans said, "One word comes to mind, a sense of commitment to continue the project — and a personal feeling of being truly enriched by the whole experience."

Harvey Joseph, the Canadian president of Aid to Disabled War Veterans of Israel, noted that this is the sixth year that the Beth Tzedec Congregation has participated in the event and the first for Holy Blossom Temple.

"This is the only opportunity that these boys have to meet someone from the Diaspora." Many of the boys and their "Toronto families" keep in touch and visit one another long after they return home.

Other Beth Tzedec families that hosted the disabled veterans included, Rabbi and Mrs. I. Beigel, Irving and Wendy Gold, Harry and Roz Greenberg, Bob and Nancy Warren and Vera and Carl Gold.

Holy Blossom Temple host families included A. Helman, L. Wise, N. Weiner, G. Shiffman, W. Cohen, M. Slivka, P. Sevitt, the Lifshens and Cantor and Mrs. B. Maissner.

"It's voluntary contributions that fund these visits and new centres in Israel," Joseph says. For more information call (416) 630-2779.

Physical access grants offered by Ont. govt.

TORONTO —

Non-profit community groups who want to improve physical access for disabled persons and senior citizens will be eligible for a $15-million grants program recently announced by Tony Ruprecht, Ontario minister responsible for disabled persons.

The Access Fund, expected to be operational by this fall, will provide matching grants of up to $50,000 to private sector non-profit organizations and agencies serving disabled persons and senior citizens. It will also be open to synagogues used for community programming, Ruprecht told The CJN during a recent interview (CJN June 18)

The allocation of $15 million is over three years, providing $2.5 million in each of the years for both seniors and disabled persons.

"The improvement of access to community facilities is an important element in this government's commitment to the integration into the community life of disabled persons and senior citizens," Ruprecht said.

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Goldman tells of successes

Entrepreneur dispels myths on Israel investing

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Investing in Israel — Can it be done from thousands of miles away? Can you deal with Israeli authoritites? What is the business atmosphere like?

With wit and optimism, developer and builder and chairman of Dominion Trust Co., Murray Goldman told of his personal experiences as one of Canada's largest and most active private investors in Israel at the first lecture of the 1987-88 series hosted by the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and industry at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

"My experiences in Israel have always been what I consider fun and happy times, wonderful and enriching experiences over the past 20 years," said Goldman who recently sold National Brewery Ltd., Israel's only brewery. He has a number of other Israeli investments in real estate, manufacturing and computer software.

Goldman, who was very involved with the United Jewish Appeal and the State of Israel Bonds, said that on one of his frequent trips to the Jewish state, he met Chaim Herzog who was then his country's ambassador to the United Nations.

"I told him I was interested in becoming involved in Israel in a meaningful way. He suggested that a positive investment for me, would be to buy shares in a public company in Israel so I could have the benefits of being involved but not necessarily on a daily basis."

In 1973, Goldman invested $2 million in shares in Clal — the largest conglomerate in the country. He went on the board of directors and the executive where he says he became privy to the inner circle of business in Israel.

"During my 10-year ownership of Clal shares, I received a 38% per annum return on my invested funds which is sensational by any standards. That's better luck than I've had on the Toronto market."

It was through his association with Clal that he learned that the brewery was for sale. "Nobody in Israel knew how to make beer so I offered the brewery to Labatt's breweries of Canada."

The brewery was in terrible shape and Labatt's agreed to purchase the brewery on the condition that Goldman would become a partner. The only place we could go was up — so we formed a joint venture." Goldman held 70% of the shares and Labbats 30% — the extent of his investment was $8.8 million.

After that investment, Goldman said he wanted to make aliya. The late Pinchas Sapir, an Israeli finance minister, told him, "I hear that you bought the National Brewery." To Goldman's surprise Sapir added, "Believe me Goldman, it is better that you should remain in Canada. Carry on making money there and send it to Israel. Only make sure that your children will come to live in Israel."

Goldman, who grew up in Glace Bay, NS, said that most Canadians are very skeptical about investing in the State of Israel.

"They say the government will drive you crazy — the banks charge too much interest and Israelis are rude. My experience is that all of this is the same type of rumor you hear anywhere else. I rezone a lot of properties in the city of Toronto and I have more problems with the employees here and with a lot of my neighbors."

A member of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, Goldman, 56, who is currently building 900 apartments just north of Tel Aviv in a joint venture with an Israeli company advises, "Invest in what you know best and you will not in any way be sorry."

Explaining that there is no problem in Israel that is extraordinary or that you don't encounter in any society, he added, "If you are interested in bettering the State of Israel, one of the most important ways is to help the country economically — it is urgent that Israel have our support economically."

Quoting a maxim from the Rambam he said, the highest degree of charity is to help someone to help himself. "You would be creating employment and stimulating the economy — in short, helping Israel to help itself."

In a lively question and answer session, the affable entreprenuer dispelled many myths about investing in Israel.

To a question on real estate investment, he said that real estate is cyclical as it is in Canada. "It has been in a down cycle but it has stabilized and it is on its way up now."

Several questions related to taxes. The profits that you make on property in Israel are taxed in Israel, he noted. Corporate income tax rates are higher in Israel than in Canada but after deductions, they usually are no higher.

Is there growth potential in small-or medium-sized businesses in Israel? Goldman said that he started a computer software business two years ago with two employees "and now I have 60."

Several people asked about the possibility of investing in shares in Israeli companies. Goldman replied, "I think it is time for that to be done. It is a way for small investors to feel that they are part of the life of the nation."

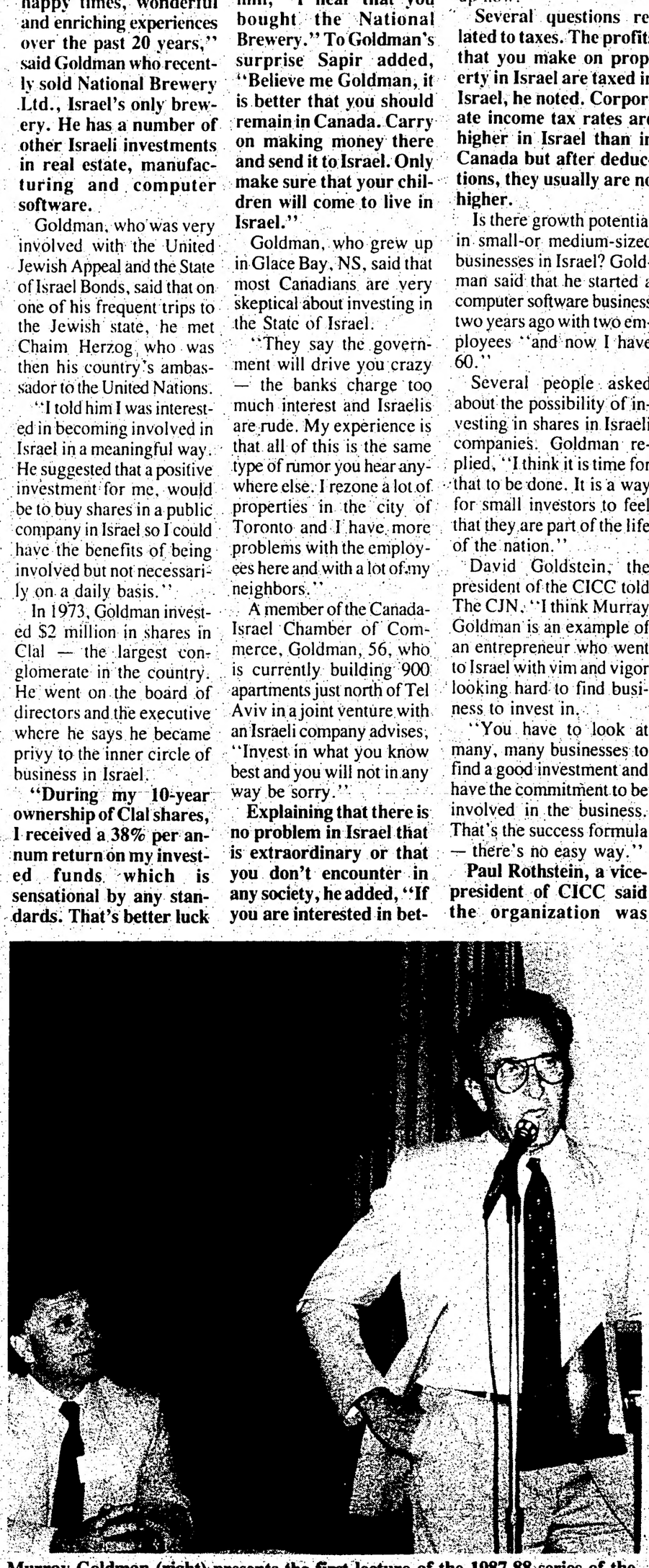
David Goldstein, the president of the CICC told The CJN, "I think Murray Goldman is an example of an entrepreneur who went to Israel with vim and vigor looking hard to find business to invest in.

"You have to look at many, many businesses to find a good investment and have the commitment to be involved in the business. That's the success formula — there's no easy way."

Paul Rothstein, a vice-president of CICC said the organization was formed to establish contact between business people in Canada and Israel and to encourage investments in new and existing industries in the Jewish state.

Rothstein encouraged the 75 people at the lecture to buy more products from Israel. "They are leaders in technology and in high tech."

He noted that booklets and other information on investing in Israel, are available from the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and industry office (416) 961-7302.



Murray Goldman (right) presents the first lecture of the 1987-88 series of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry entitled "Investing in Israel — A Success Story." Also in photo is CICC president David Goldstein.

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Organizations and People

Manitoba's first Jewish farming colony

Plaque unveiled paying tribute to forefathers

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Some came to a ceremony at Bender Hamlet to honor parents and grandparents and to relive childhood memories, while others, including many of the local people, came out to learn more of Manitoba's first Jewish farming colony.

"Like everyone else, I always thought of Jews as being in commerce or the professions," said John Bucklaschuk, Manitoba's housing minister and the MLA for the Interlake riding of Gimli, addressing about 200 people who gathered recently to unveil a memorial plaque on a cairn to the settlers and rededicate the small cemetery.

"In the Interlake," Bucklaschuk said, "we all know how hard life was with the rocks, bush and mosquitoes."

Bender Hamlet, 52 miles north of Winnipeg, was established in 1903 by Jacob Bender. "Settlers came from Winnipeg, New York, Israel, Russia, England and elsewhere to the golden medina, Bender Hamlet, this land of golden dreams," said memorial organizer and master of ceremonies, Joe Lavitt.

"We built this cairn with the "gold" they found — the rocks and stones. But they realized their golden dreams of hope for their children in a free land," said Lavitt, who was born in Bender Hamlet.

At its peak, the colony numbered about 150 people with its own shul — Achdus Yeshurun — which also served the Jewish merchants in the neighboring towns. However, with the exodus of the younger people to the cities, the colony was eventually abandoned after a 25-year history.

Lavitt and Jack Walker (Warshawsky) have been trying to have Bender Hamlet officially recognized for many years. They convinced the government to declare the area a historic site in 1970 but nothing official had been done.

Two years ago, they decided to do something on their own. Lavitt assembled a list of 300 descendants last spring and sent letters asking for contributions. This spring, he sent out invitations to all the people on the list, the synagogue and community organizations.

"We had 50-60 people from out of town come including my cousin Sam and his family from Kansas City, my cousin Greg and his family from Omaha and Jack McKay from Toronto," said Lavitt.

Lavitt recalled the hardship common to all farmers in the Interlake at the time — the toil, the drudgery, the poverty, frosts, grasshoppers, hail, lack of rain or too much of it and the low prices. He also remembered it as a "wonderland" for children, with horses and dogs, the railroad and swimming holes.

Lavitt also thanked the local people who have looked after the site and provided benches and other logistical support for the ceremony.

Among the other speakers were San Francisco realtor Morry Ludwig who was born at Bender Hamlet, and Israel Ludwig representing the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council.

Rabbi Lou Lander of the Rosh Pina Synagogue officiated as Jack Lavitt, who was born 50 feet away, and Fanny Goldenberg unveiled the plaque. Walker read the inscription and the family names.

Then it was off to the cemetery a half mile away for the second part of the ceremony. Bessie Gorback (of the Green Family) and Rae Hammer (of the Lavitt Family) unveiled the plaque commemorating the dozen or so men, women and children buried there.

A reception at the memorial cairn followed.

In the words of Bucklaschuk, the Jewish settlers of Bender Hamlet form a unique part of Manitoba's history. "Their descendants have gone on to help develop our province and make contributions throughout the world," he said. "I hope the knowledge of what these settlers contributed becomes more widespread."

TV's Cherington "unabashed supporter"

Visit puts Israel in focus

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
For years Jewish listeners to CHML radio's evening phone-in program and viewers of his subsequent CHCH TV morning talk show have known that they have a staunch friend in Tom Cherington.

Recently, Na'amat Pioneer Women paid tribute to Cherington for his "fair and unbiased approach" in dealing with the Middle East and the Holocaust by naming him Spiritual Father of the Year at the recent annual Adopt-a-Child dinner at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

He's always been "unabashedly a supporter of Israel," Cherington told The CJN a couple of weeks later at the CHCH studios, where he had just completed his show.

His reason is simple. "I have always felt that the State of Israel has every right to be there!" A 2-week visit to Israel "sharpened and brought into focus" that support.

That was in 1982 during the Lebanese War, when Cherington, his producer, former Torontonian Lawrence Diskin (who sat in on the interview), and a CHCH crew went to Israel for a couple of weeks of filming.

That visit left him "on an emotional high" from which it took him months to come down, recalls Cherington.

"Everything was a highlight" as they followed troops to the front, visited historical sites — including Masada, where they did a show — kibbutzim, moshavim and, of course, met Israelis.

He is impressed by the Israelis. "Magnificent people! And I love the sabras. Love them," he repeats. "They're so alive! More alive than young people almost anywhere else. Always ready to argue about politics on an international level. They're interested in everything."

And the lush green of the country is incredible, observes Cherington, whose only previous visit was a 3-week stay during World War II before being posted to Malta.

Tom Cherington

He speaks of Israel and its problems with sensitivity and understanding but fears it may be "a long, long time" before there will be real peace. And he notes that "Israel can't ever afford to relax."

Despite Israel's reputation as a military superpower, he found "no jackboot mentality. Israel is not a military bully," he says. On the contrary, "every war brought only sorrow that another war had to be fought."

In a sense, that visit was like a homecoming for Cherington, who says he "went mad at that smell of the eastern Mediterranean air." He'd "love to have lunch right now at a little restaurant in Caesarea" or for that matter, "one of those marvellous Israeli breakfasts."

He was born in Alexandria, Egypt, where his father had settled after serving there during World War I. Until the age of 14, when he was sent to school in England, Cherington roamed the city and played and went to school with Arab and Jewish boys but "religious and cultural differences didn't mean anything at that age."

But Israel was still British Mandate Palestine then and the Holocaust had not yet happened.

And it soon becomes apparent that the Holocaust had a profound and lasting impact on Cherington. He remembers those first news reports and photographs and that survivors had nowhere to go.

"The trouble was that there was a very, very weak government in England after the war," he says, referring to the Labor government's restrictions on Jewish immigration into Palestine.

He recalls a 1962 radio program he did in Montreal when a survivor broke down and was unable to continue because the memories were too painful. But he insists that "we must get it out of them" because survivors are nearing the end of their lives and soon there may be no more witnesses.

Jewish trivia game fun and informative

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
Playing Tradition is not a trivial pursuit.

The new question-and-answer game, distributed locally by Israel's — the Judaism Centre, provides players with fascinating tidbits of information, some chuckles, and a good time as they test and add to their knowledge of Judaica.

The game this reviewer played with his wife and a friend on Shavuoth — small markers obviate the need to write down scores — took a little over two hours. Among the questions encountered were:

- Around what city in India did Jews have an independent territory of their own about 1,000 years ago?
- "One season, business in New York's garment district got so bad that the owners began firing their. . . ."
- "A Jewish psychiatrist is a doctor who hates. . . ."

The answers, respectively, are: Cochin; sons-in-law; and, the sight of blood.

Most of the game's 3,000 questions, which are printed on 250 cards, are more substantial fare. For example: Who was the first person in the Bible to be called a Hebrew? (Abraham).

What type of clothes are men forbidden to wear, according to Jewish law? (Women's clothing.)

What action did the Soviet authorities take against the one lawyer who agreed to defend Scharansky at his trial? (The lawyer was deported.)

The U.S. origin of the game is in evidence in some of the questions.

The questions — organized in six categories: Yiddish; proverbs; customs and holidays; ancient and biblical history; and arts, sciences, entertainment and sports — are authenticated by Joseph Radinsky. He is an Orthodox rabbi in Houston, where Estelle Panzer, Janis Odensky and Judy Luck created the game a little over a year ago.

Each player rolls the game's single die in his turn and moves in either direction around the board, trying to land on one of 40 squares with values of 5, 10, 15, or 25 points.

To claim that square for himself or his team with a marker the same color as his piece, the player must correctly answer the question put to him. The die not only determines how many squares are moved but also the category of the questions.

Cost of the game is $60. In the U.S., it retails for $40 U.S.

"Its quality is superior to any of the other Jewish trivia games on the market," Israel Kaplan of Israel's told The CJN. "We are approaching department, toy and game stores to stock it." It is already available at Israel's outlets on Eglinton Ave. and Wilmington.

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CHAI helping animals

By BRUCE PARKINSON

TORONTO —

Chai is the Hebrew word for life. CHAI — Concern for Helping Animals in Israel, is a group devoted to making a better life for Israel's wild and domestic animal population.

"The animal situation in Israel is so sad. Something must be done," says Julie Starr, a Thornhill resident who is working to attract interest in a Canadian chapter of the U.S.-based organization.

Starr lists several reasons for the neglect and mistreatment of Israeli animals:

• Animal shelters in Israel receive no financial support from the municipalities or the government.

• Many immigrants to Israel are from countries with no tradition of animal welfare.

• Because of the fear of rabies thousands of dogs and cats die a horrible death from strychnine-laced chicken heads scattered in the streets by the authorities.

In another method of controlling the cat population, tight-fitting lids have been installed on garbage cans, causing the cats to slowly starve to death in the streets.

• There is an almost superstitious fear of dogs prevalent among large groups of the population.

• The concept of spaying and neutering domestic animals still meets much resistance from some segments of society, especially the Orthodox — even though overpopulation is a major problem.

"An animal problem is a human problem," said Starr. "Israelis must be made more aware about humane treatment."

CHAI's goals are to promote humane education in Israeli schools, improve and expand the five existing animal shelters and build new ones, and provide veterinary supplies and equipment.

To date, CHAI has sent medical equipment, funds to build more cages at shelters, and sponsored a humane education contest in Israeli schools.

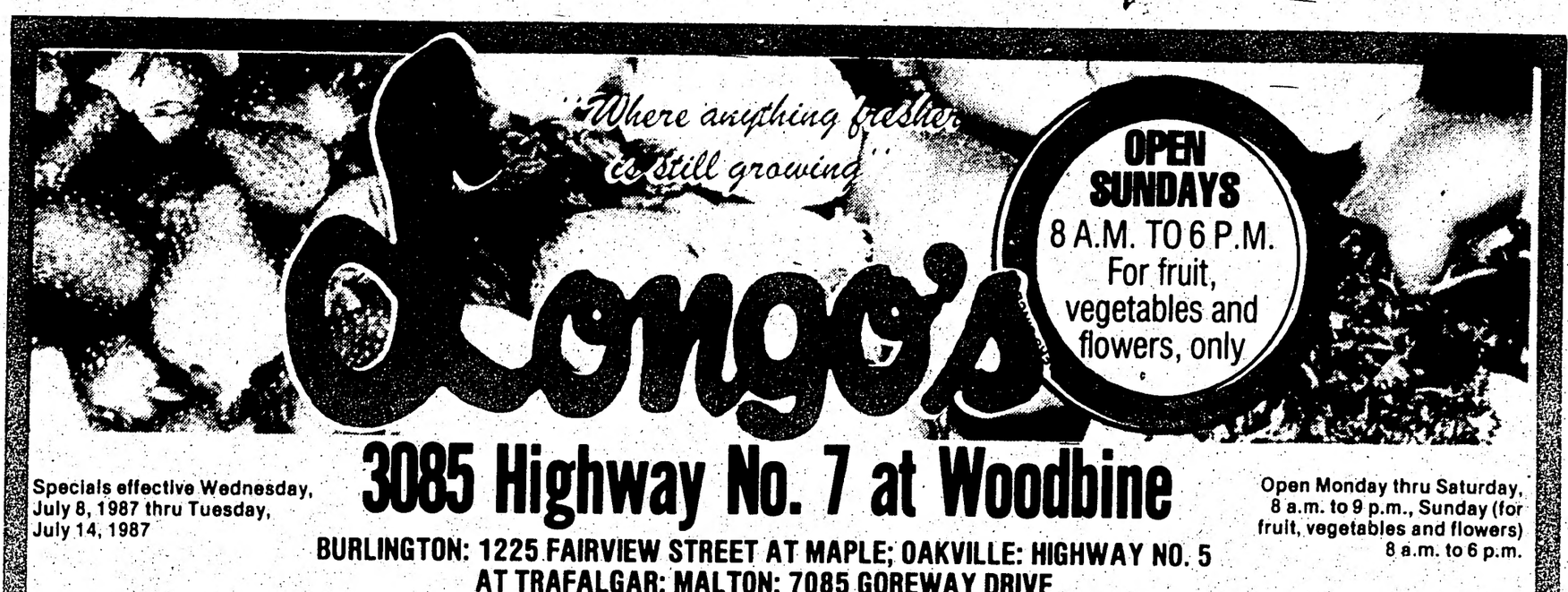
They have also exerted presure upon Israeli officials, with the assistance of Jewish American legislators, to pay more attention to animal issues.

A current project, which Starr calls "extremely important to the success of CHAI, is raising funds for a film to bring the plight of Israeli animals to the attention of the public.

CHAI has attracted the attention of several prominent people in the U.S. and Israel who have agreed to serve on its advisory board.

To make a donation or learn more about CHAI and its activities, you can write to PO Box 3341, Alexandria, Va. 22302.

If you are interested in helping to form a Canadian chapter, call Julie Starr at (416) 881-5788.



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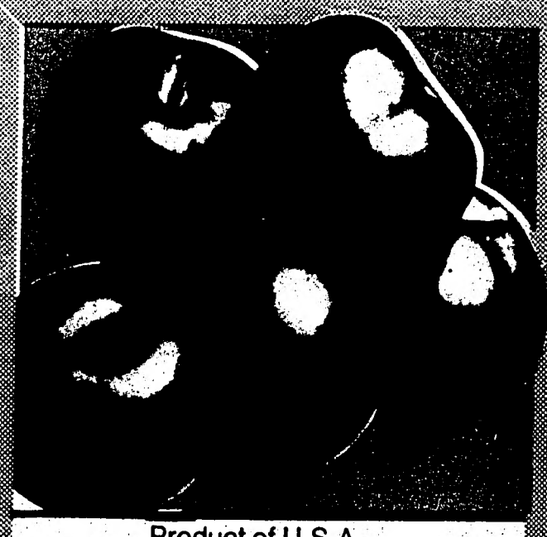

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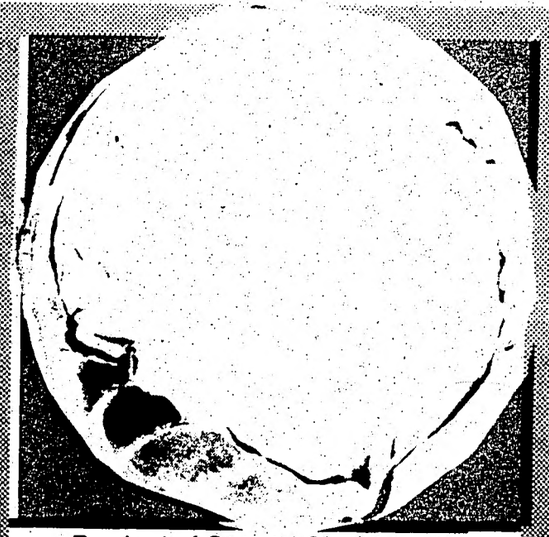

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Organizations and People

Sheldon Cohen was founding president of BB lodge

Prominent Kingston Jewish leader dead at 82

KINGSTON, Ont. —
Sheldon Cohen, one of the most prominent members of the Kingston Jewish community, died recently at age 82 after a full life of community service on the local and national levels.

Cohen, president of I. Cohen & Co., was the founding president of Kingston Lodge of B'nai B'rith in 1934. As a member of the executive of the Eastern Canadian Council of B'nai B'rith, he was largely responsible for the establishment of a Hillel organization at Queen's University.

He was chairman of the Hillel Advisory Council for many years and was honored by the organization in 1970.

Since the late 1930s, Cohen was a member of the board of the Beth Israel Congregation, having been a parnass and a lay speaker (before the congregation had a rabbi) and chairman of a number of committees. He was president of Beth Israel in 1946-48 and in 1965 was named honorary president.

Cohen served as president of the Kingston Jewish Community Council and was honored on his 60th birthday with a plaque for extraordinary leadership to his community by State of Israel Bonds. In 1985, on his 80th birthday, he was presented with a plaque by the community council.

As well as his activities in B'nai B'rith, he was involved in the Zionist Organization of Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress in various capacities including membership of the Joint Community Relations Committee of CJC.

In 1938, Cohen worked behind the scenes meeting with prominent Kingston church leaders who organized and conducted a mass meeting held at the Grand Theatre on Nov. 20, from which a resolution was sent to Ottawa protesting the burning of synagogues by the Nazis and calling for a more generous policy towards refugees. Prof. Irving Abella on page 41 in None is too Many wrote that 1,200 people attended the meeting.

Cohen was also active in a number of general community organizations. He represented the Jewish community on the Kingston War Services' Committee (World War II). He became a member of Kiwanis in 1938, served on its board, was chairman of its War Services' Committee and organized the Kingston Kiwanis Air Cadet Squadron.

Cohen was a founding member and later president of the Kingston and Gananoque branch of the Canadian Cancer Society. He was a board member for several years and in 1954, was president of the Kingston Community Chest (now named the United Way). He was the Jewish Co-Chairman of the Kingston Branch of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews in the early 1950s.

He was a founding member and a vice-president of the reborn Kingston Symphony Association, and one of its consultative directors. He was a member of the board of governors of the Kingston General Hospital, and a member of the board of directors of the Children's Aid Society.

In his eulogy, Rabbi Howard Finkelstein of Beth Israel Congregation, said: "If there are two words to describe Sheldon Cohen, they are tzaddik and tamim, righteous and complete, for he walked with G-d, in every sense of the term.

Sheldon Cohen

"He represented the highest of ideals in Jewish life, he was the living symbol of Orthodox Judaism in our community, he was a shomer mitzvot and a yerai shamayim.

"He was the personification of the kohen gadol, a true kohen le-kale elyon as the Torah relates.

"In Hebrew, he was known as yehoshua yehuda, and he had the power of a Joshua and the wisdom of a Judah as he fought for the preservation of Yiddishkeit here in our community and elsewhere."

Cohen is survived by his wife Fagel, children Nicki and Dona, and grandchildren Jonathan, David and Julie.

Bais Yaakov pays tribute to Drebin

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
A warm tribute to Rebbitzen Millicent Drebin, founding principal of Bais Yaakov Elementary School, highlighted the school's 18th annual dinner.

Former and present students and staff praised her for:

- "Knowing and encouraging each child's capabilities."
- "Instilling a real appreciation for the Torah way of life."
- "Teaching students to stand up for Torah values in a secular environment."

Drebin is still co-principal of the school along with Magda Simon.

Bais Yaakov is an Orthodox girls' school, with about 420 pupils from pre-nursery through grade 8, taught by a staff of 50. Included are students from various chassidic — including Lubavitch — and kollel families.

The dinner was held recently at Petah Tikva-Anshei Castilla Synagogue, in Downsview.

Dinner chairperson Naomi Hendler and parent Chani Farkas described how the longtime principal used to make soup for the whole school on Rosh Chodesh (celebration of the new Hebrew month) and to sew Purim costumes. Cheers and applause from the audience accompanied their reminiscences.

Drebin was presented with a silver candelabra and an album of well wishes from former and present students.

In her thanks, she said: "My philosophy has always been to do what is best for the school."

She also said that she and co-principal Simon "think alike on most things. No one has been able to use one of us against the other."

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Organizations and People

Israeli security situation said threat to rights

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

Civil rights in Israel is a matter of growing urgency in a country that has been besieged by war for 39 years, Joshua Schoffman, legal director for the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, told a group of lawyers at the offices of Goodman & Goodman here recently.

The Association for Civil Rights in Israel is a non-profit, non-partisan organization devoted to the protection and advancement of human rights in Israel and the administered territories.

Schoffman, on a North American tour sponsored by the New Israel Fund of Canada, outlined three acute problems in civil rights in Israel: religious freedom and pluralism in a Jewish state, minority rights, and national security.

"Many of the civil rights issues that arise in Israel are common to all countries," said Schoffman. "Over-zealous police practices, freedom of speech, enforced hospitalization of the mentally ill, prisoners' rights, religious observance, and sexual discrimination are only some.

"But there is also our over-riding concern with national security. No country is at its best in civil liberties in a time of war, and Israel has been in a continuing state of war," said Schoffman.

Joshua Schoffman

Schoffman, a Hebrew University Law School graduate, began his 2-year law fellowship in 1984 with a year of graduate study at The American Civil Liberties Union and the Mental Health Law Project in Washington.

"Residents of an area under military rule do not enjoy the same rights as citizens of an occupying power, and international law curtails certain freedom for reasons of security," he stated.

This is further compounded by the fact that Israel does not have a formal constitution, which severely limits the scope of judicial review, he said.

"While the Declaration of Independence promises equality to all, regardless of race or religion, translating this promise into reality has proved problematic," said Schoffman.

"We cannot ignore the fact that Arab towns get lower budgets than Jewish towns, and such benefits as child support and mortgage assistance are given on the basis of army service — and Arabs cannot serve in the army."

The ACRI is helping represent Ethiopian Jews in their "drawn-out dispute with the Chief Rabbinate of Israel regarding conversion," and providing legal support for Leah Shakdiel, a woman denied the seat that she was nominated for in her local religious council.

The New Israel Fund is helping raise money to support these and similar activities, including Arab-Jewish cooperation, in Israel.

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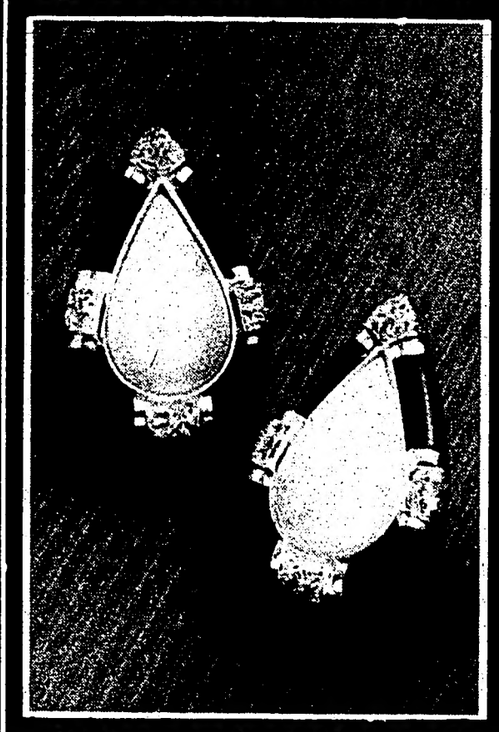

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French designers display confidence

By
LORI SMITH

Diversity and fashion ease and confidence were the chief characteristics of the Mode in France show and exhibit held recently at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

The event, which featured the work of 16 French designers and manufacturers (courtesy of the Federation Francais du Pret a Porter Feminin), marked the first time an exhibition of French ready-to-wear has been mounted and brought to Canada for presentation.

Beyond displaying the range of French fashion that is available for fall and winter 87-88, it also demonstrated why that country remains synonymous with style.

The show, which highlighted the designs of the exhibitors, was short, chic and business like. It left the viewer with two distinct impressions: One, that French fashion is innately practical regardless of whether it is classic or avantgarde and, two, that French women are unintimidated by clothes and it is precisely that fearless approach to fashion that gives them true style.

Andre Courreges, Christa Fiedler, Christian Aujard, Devanlay-Timwear, Fabienne Morana, Ishwar, Ets Klein, Naf Naf, Pering, Carol Revillon, Vepel Diffusion Exeko, and Guegano, Lea Dore, Loua Dyn, Marie Vespree, Paul de Comarmond and Philippe Houset of Agent Media Styl all offered stylish, quality clothing.

However, some of the more notable designs in the show and exhibits included Christa Fielder's taupe-colored, ottoman-knit, straight legged pants and full sweater top with its deep shawl collar that converted to a dramatic, soft hood and was worn with a wide, loose belt at the waist; Lea Dore's short, shapely jersey and corduroy dress; Marie Vespree's black evening dresses in fabric combinations that included mixes of angora, velvet, wool, taffetta and tulle; Carol Revillon's suits with their clean cut skirts and cleverly styled jackets including one design that featured cutouts which revealed a pinstripe jacket within a solid jacket, and the Ishwar collection of brightly colored, contemporary sweaters.

There were no apparent style rules. Skirts were short and long and full and narrow. Jackets could be short or long and oversized or tailored.

Similarly, some of the designers created very body-conscious clothes while others opted for easy, comfortable silhouettes. The final choices as to what's fashionable are left to the individual woman.

Shoes provided one note of interest: While both high heels and flats were shown with the garments, flats appear to be favored more frequently then they are here.

And, when worn with typical French fashion nonchalance, they look both stylish and comfortable.

Christa Fielder designs make an impression at show.

Computer makeover a winner

By
LORI SMITH

Computer technology has had a revolutionary impact on nearly every facet of modern life including the world of beauty.

This year, Brettons, one of Canada's leading retailers, is using that technology to allow its customers to experiment with new make-up and hair looks.

Dimensions, a microcomputer make-over simulator, was developed for Brettons by Nortak Softwear Limited of Ottawa and Istrilene, Belgium's premiere cosmetic house. Available on a rotating basis at the five Brettons stores across Canada, the system is operated by a trained Istrilene beauty consultant and permits women to see what they would look like with different colored eyes, lips or cheeks or a new hair style without physically making the change.

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Similarly, the customer can see how she would look with different colored eyes and longer or shorter hair.

Dimensions, which is the only computerized beauty consultation system readily available to Canadian consumers, eliminates costly beauty mistakes since women can see what they will look like in a certain color or style before they purchase it or have it done.

The system also opens women up to new beauty options and demonstrates how make-up colors and application can alter their appearance.

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For more information on Dimensions or a list of dates the system will be in the Toronto area call Brettons at Square One in Mississauga or The Promenade.

The fashions on this street well Worth a look

They come from all over to Palm Beach and the styles seen on this city's famous Worth Ave. are indicative of what's "hot" this season. At left, a designer from New York is elegantly attired, while the Steinberg family, also from New York City, sport a casual look. The couple at right from South Africa are just about ready for anything. (Marlo Fieldstone photos)

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Fashion

9 Canadian designers present a powerful appeal

The formula: delicious hues of autumn rusts, brown, blacks, burgundys and spice gold. Add the creative stock of design; classic, cool, intoxicating. Add the innovative strength of color, shape and form. The result a distinctive potpourri of Canadian fashion with a powerful "keep your eyes on me" appeal.

The Canadian Fashion Alliance recently presented its fall/winter Pret-A-Porter collection.

Unique cut of jacket is mark of Sheridan College graduate Paul Milana.

Nine talented Canadian designers were showcased. Ladieswear designers: Armine, Pas de Trois, Choy Lo for Ke²KA², Paul Milana and Tanya Lam. Men's designer Leslie Edward for Between Boys. Cruisewear designer, Beachy Keen and jewelry designer, THX13.

Canada's new breed of fashion talent promises to knock the fashion world for a loop. Their creations features body shapes and fabrics in a dynamic combination that make a definite Canadian fashion statement.

Lam's creations ooze sophistication. The regal cut of her jackets, skirts, dresses, coats and suits, carry appeal for all well-dressed female executives.

Her fall collection is made with 100% cool wool which can be worn throughout the year. This is Lam's third season as a full time designer and promises to be the best ever.

The men's look of today. Leslie Edward designs for this country's style-conscious man. His pants are big, bold and baggy.

He pays extraordinary attention to detailing from the pockets, pleats, to the belt loops. The jackets, in autumn colors, wool and tweed have both classic and casual style wrapped into one.

Edward is a graduate of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

Decadent bikinis, seductive 1-piece suits, coverups in a myriad of color and shape. The bathing suits of Beachy Keen are created for both function and style, constructed with the finest lycra.

This season additions of lace add a lingerie look to one of the lines.

Lynn Penar is the creative genius behind the Beachy Keen label and is a graduate of Sheridan College.

Jewelry

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The contemporary look of Memphis influenced jewelry; colorful, bold and beautiful.

Jonathan Olivadoti carefully crafts his dynamic line of earrings, pins and bracelets with a clear purpose, ". . . I create my jewelry as a sculptor would mold their clay. . . ." The art of his creation is style.

Armie designs for the casual yet sophisticated women. Her handmade knits, woven with the finest natural fabrics are comfortable, easy to wear, yet very classic.

Fall will incorporate both color and texture, her sweaters and cardigans are made with a blend of wool and rayon mixed with mohair, silk and metallic lurex. Armine is a graduate of Humber College and has been designing for four years.

KE²KA² designs are created for the classic women. Lo's lines are practical for work, yet can also be dressed up for play. This season Lo is using 100% wool for all of her garments.

Her choice of colors, rusty browns, blacks, deep burgundys and charcoal grays, fully compliment the skirts, jackets and body flattering dresses that are present in her extensive collection.

The design team of Lisa Hamm and Karl Michael have brought us the avant garde creations of Pas de Trois. This season, romantic soft silhouettes, sans shoulder pads,

The collection in 100% cotton, consists of delicately sculptured princess line jackets and dresses, soft front-pleated skirts, double-flounced dresses and oversized jumpers.

Colors for fall are black, taupe and gray. Hamm is a graduate of Ryerson Polytechnical and Michael is currently finishing off his schooling at York University.

Paul Milana is a recent graduate of Sheridan College. This, his first complete collection, consists of feminine yet striking coordinates, oversized short and medium length jackets over the slim body hugging skirts.

All of his clothes are made of 100% wool. The unique cut of his jackets are definitely made for a woman who knows what she likes and is not afraid to wear it.

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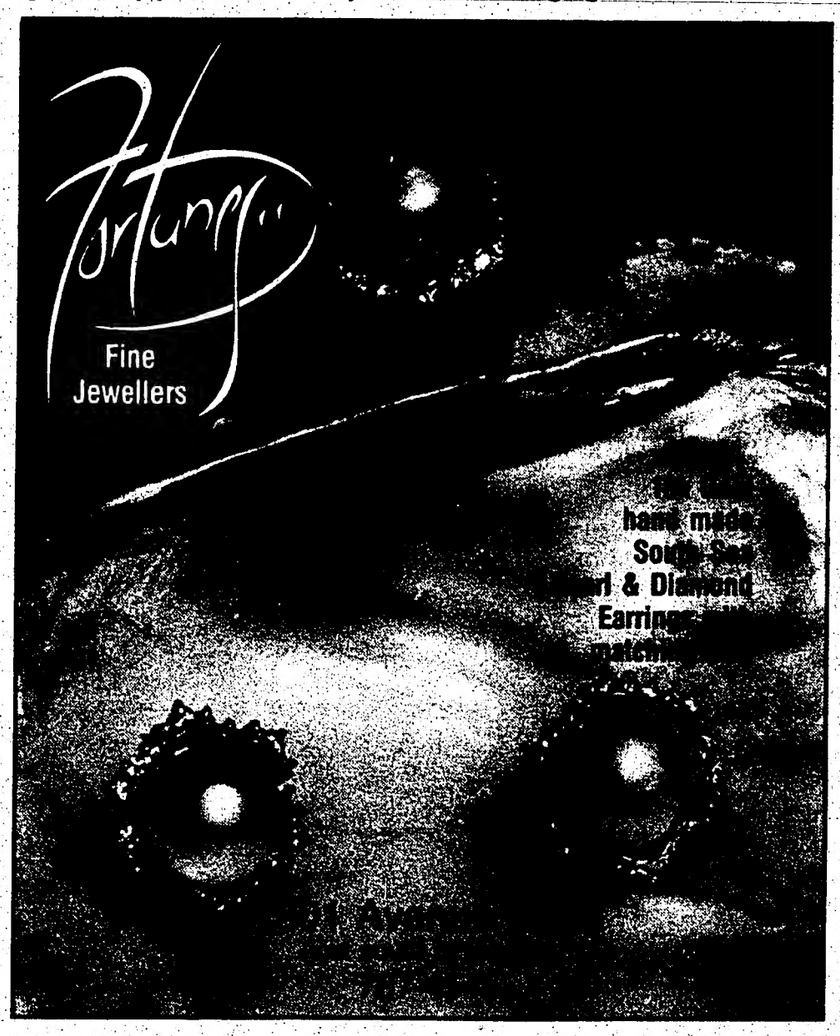

NCJW meet planned

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Hamilton Section, National Council of Jewish Women, will host the 1989 NCJW biennial convention and that's quite a coup for this valiant little group.

Past president and councillor Sandy Silver and first vice-president Evelyn Silver (not related), were successful in their bid to host the convention at the recent biennial in Vancouver , where they were the first representatives from Hamilton in many years.

In fact, they returned with the news that Hamilton has attracted the attention of the national executive. The Hamilton Section "is regarded very highly" and "they're very impressed by what we're able to do," reports president Michele Finkelstein.

The section now counts about 40 bright and determined young women who resurrected NCJW — once a strong organization here with over 200 members — after its demise in the early 1970s.

It took a handful of devoted women a couple of years of hard work before they once again had a functioning group and in 1982 they received their charter.

Almost immediately they embarked on a major project that earned them a considerable reputation not only with NCJW but with local boards of education, hospitals and religious institutions, explains Finkelstein.

The project was Kids on the Block, a puppet show designed to teach young children about physical and mental disabilities. Working closely with Junior League of Hamilton-Burlington and in conjunction with a Chedoke-McMaster Hospitals research study, they presented the program throughout area schools over a period of almost three years.

"Kids on the Block was a real feather in our cap," says Finkelstein. "It gave us a wonderful name and we received so much coverage. It was a lot of expopsure for a new group. And we only had about 25 members at the time and only 10 were involved in the program."

Their first major fund raising project, sponsoring a performance of Neil Simon's Brighton Beach Memoirs at Theatre Aquarius, netted them $5,000 for the purchase of five pieces of much needed therapeutic play equipment for a new cerebral palsy centre to be built at Chedoke Hospital.

The group is also involved in the Shalom Hamilton program with the JCC, providing volunteers to welcome newcomers to the Hamilton area and acquaint them with the local Jewish community.

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Arts

Powerful film about Vietnam war

Full Metal Jacket grips the audience

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Stanley Kubrick's 12th film in an amazing career, *Full Metal Jacket*, can generally be praised.

The war in Vietnam has suddenly become fashionable in Hollywood, and *Full Metal Jacket*, coming on the heels of *Platoon* and *Gardens of Stone*, further raises our collective interest in that misbegotten enterprise.

Kubrick, who is best known for *2001: A Space Odyssey* and *A Clockwork Orange*, directs and produces his latest picture, which he co-wrote with Michael Herr, author of the acclaimed *Dispatches*.

Full Metal Jacket, now playing at Famous Players theatres, is a fine film in practically every respect. It moves along at a crisp pace, usually rivets a viewer, and gets the best out of its unknown cast.

It is essentially divided into two segments, the first taking place in a U.S. Marine Corps boot camp in South Carolina, and the second being set in Vietnam. In fact, it was shot in Britain.

Full Metal Jacket gets under way as a barber methodically clips the heads of blank-eyed new recruits. The camera then pans on a floor strewn with hair, a wholly original way to introduce us to the faceless brotherhood that is the Marine Corps.

The green recruits are quickly taken in hand by Hartman (Lee Ermey), the mean, profane platoon sergeant whose neatly creased uniform never wilts in the humid heat of Parris Island. Hartman shouts, rarely speaks. He is a bully par excellence, a racist who casually puts down "niggers, kikes and wogs."

The men hate him, but they can't do much to vent their feelings. Pyle (Vincent D'Onofrio) is particularly bitten by Hartman's sting, partly because he is fat and partly because he has difficulty coordinating his movements. It is left to Pyle to settle accounts with the sergeant.

Before Hartman becomes the victim of Pyle's terrible revenge, he spews forth a geyser of obscenities relating to every part of the body. Not since *Heartbreak Ridge*, which starred Clint Eastwood, has there been such a torrent of foul language in a film.

The centre of gravity in *Full Metal Jacket* is Joker (Matthew Modine), a bespectacled, cool young man who works for Stars and Stripes as a combat correspondent. Joker is ambivalent about the war: He wears a peace sign on his jacket, but the words Born To Kill are inscribed on his helmet.

After offending his managing editor with an acidic witticism germane to the conduct of the war, Joker gets sent off to a war zone to report the Tet offensive, which occurred in the winter of 1968.

In one sharply-etched, gut-wrenching scene for which this film will probably be best remembered, the men in his patrol get lost and wander into a sniper's trap amid the burning buildings of Hue.

Parody of the war is combined with straightforward narrative, but sometimes the two don't mesh seamlessly. And there are moments when the black humor is too heavy-handed and far too obvious.

The Vietnamese are not portrayed in a charitable light, coming across as thieves, pimps and whores. It is a rather 1-dimensional view, slightly tempered by Kubrick's respect for their dogged fighting ability.

Full Metal Jacket gathers intensity as it rolls along, thanks in part to 1970s hit songs like These Boots Are Made For Walking, Wooly Bully and Surfin' Bird.

Taut, occasionally powerful and invariably gripping, this is a film that no movie buff should miss.

Full Metal Jacket moves along at a crisp pace.

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Sachar looks at the realities

Exploring the Zionist dream

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

A History of Israel: Volume II From the Aftermath of the Yom Kippur War. By Howard M. Sachar. Oxford University Press, $29.95.

In the final chapter of this well-researched study of Israel's last 14 years — equally compelling in its narrative power and wealth of human detail — the author wonders what happened to the Zionist dream. Wasn't Israel supposed to be a light unto nations? Wasn't there some higher moral or spiritual purpose beyond mere existence?

Sachar answers that such high hopes and dreams are unrealistic. An objective appraisal of history suggests that no people or nation is endowed with a special mission. Its statehood's only legitimacy is the security it provides its citizens and the freedom it offers them to live and express their collective identity within protected boundaries. All the rest he asserts, is "verbalization and bombast, excesses that applied no less to the ideologues of Zionism and Israel."

Isn't it enough, suggests Sachar, that Israel exists, that it provides an asylum and is a touchstone of security and dignity. Is it surprising that it is just as imperfect as our older, richer and more powerful nations?

Nevertheless, Sachar is highly critical of Israel and its policies. These include the seemingly insoluble problem of the Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza, the alarming rise in violence and crime, religious polarization, recurring economic crises and the emigration of a half a million Israeli citizens.

"Israel was the only Jewish community in the world, after all, that was calling on Jews elsewhere to save it from "another Holocaust," a threat that its very establishment was supposed to avert. Jewish statehood also had been envisaged as a guarantee of Jewish economic self-sufficiency and productivity. The opposite now seemed to be the case. Israel's economy was a shambles, the nation was emerging as one of the 'developed' world's chronic mendicants. Neither was the historic assumption borne out that a Jewish state would effect a Jewish vocational transformation."

What kind of leader was Menachem Begin? On the one hand he is described as a man of almost superhuman physical courage who was imprisoned by the Soviets for his Zionist convictions, who lived in Palestine with a price on his head, and who orchestrated a campaign that destroyed British installations and finally played a central role in driving the British from Palestine. On the other hand he is depicted as wilful and defiant, lacking in judgment and perspective. This was especially true in the tragic invasion of Lebanon and in the confusing period that followed. Also he was obsessed with the Holocaust and "by word and deed he politicized and thereby trivialized the single most tragic chapter in Jewish history."

The author is professor of history at George Washington University and a well known author of many books on Jewish life and the Middle East. This sequel to his much lauded earlier volume includes, in a rich survey, the rise and fall of Begin, the Carter-inspired meetings at Camp David and the ill-starred invasion of Lebanon.

Sachar is perhaps too harsh and hasty a critic. Time, undoubtedly, will lend recent events the necessary perspective and evaluation that he now lacks.

This volume and its predecessor constitute a lucid, insightful and incisive study of a unique country, its achievements and problems, and some of the prime personalities who have made its history.

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Bau-Xi Gallery: Work by Mimi Matte to July 11; Work by Epp Wallace, Giroday, Fenwick, opens July 14. 340 Dundas St. W., 977-0600.

Bonnie Kagan Gallery: Closed July 21-Aug. 11. 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 304. 364-6181.

Evelyn Aimis Fine Art: Selected work by gallery artists. 14 Hazelton Ave., 961-0878.

First Impressions Gallery: Local and Canadian printmakers, plus acrylics and watercolors on paper. 334 Dundas W., 591-8461.

Galerie Evan: Work by Elise Newman, to July 18; Group show of gallery artists, opens July 21. 150 Bloor St. W., Renaissance Plaza., 323-3713.

Garnet Press: Work by Rebecca Baird, to Aug. 11. 580 Richmond St. W., 366-5012.

George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art: *Chinese Export Porcelain in Canada*, Chinese export porcelain, its use in Canadian homes, and influence on contemporary design, to Aug. 16; Ceramics and other artifacts from medieval collections in Canada; Permanent collection includes Pre-Columbian pottery, English delftware, Continental and English porcelain and Italian majolica. 111 Queen's Park, 593-9300.

Harbourfront Art Gallery: *The Power Plant*, From Sea to Shining Sea, about artist-run spaces and their effect on contemporary Canadian art, to Aug. 19. 231 Queen's Quay W., 973-4949. The Photography Gallery, Photos of children by Howard Seth Miller, to July 12; Photos about South Africa, opens July 17. 235 Queen's Quay W., 869-8410.

John B. Aird Gallery: *Cool As Glass*, An exhibit of sculptural and functional glass, to July 31. Macdonald Block, 900 Bay St. at Wellesley., 965-4706.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: *Innovascotia*, Work by 17 contemporary Nova Scotia artists, to July 9; Work by Joyce Falconer and Hugh Mackenzie, opens July 16. Hart House, University of Toronto, 978-2453.

Koffler Gallery: *Raku Then And Now*, Work by four Canadian ceramicists, to Aug. 20. 4588 Bathurst St. 636-1880.

Market Gallery: *Designing the TTC*, An exhibition of photographs and other material that shows the influences that have shaped the appearance and function of public transit, to July 26. 95 Front St. E., 392-7604.

McMichael Canadian Collection: *The Group of Seven: Masterpieces from Toronto Collections*, a show of major works drawn from private collections, to Aug. 23. *Raven's Work: Northwest Coast Indian Art*, to September, 1988. In Kleinburg, 893-1121.

Mira Godard Gallery: Work by Daphnis, Fauteux, Hatofsky, Jimenez and MacIver, to July 27. 22 Hazleton Ave., 964-8197.

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Yaneff Gallery: Primitive Art, to July 31. 119 Isabella St., 924-6677.

Opera takes traditional view of Jewish history

Video of Samson et Delila inspired

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Studio Entertainment International's newly released video of The Royal Opera Covent Garden's Samson et Delila ($59.95) is an inspired piece of home entertainment.

The 135-minute production by Australian entertainment entrepreneur Elijah Moshinsky highlights what apparently its composer Camille Saint-Saens never imagined it to be: an explicit summation of the traditional view of Jewish history.

In the small booklet of background and lyrics accompanying the tape — which looks and feels like a synagogue bencherl, for the blessings after a meal — Saint-Saens is described as a lifelong atheist.

The interplay of character, the clash of strong personalities, the portrayal of an oppressed community breaking its bonds, and sexual bondage and equivocation are cited as his concerns in the work.

These have been amply noted from the time Samson et Delila was composed, 110 years ago. They are obvious elements in this production, their power underscored by vivid colors in the lighting, sets and costumes.

What makes Saint-Saens' version a profoundly religious work is the fundamental conflict depicted as underlying the more obvious elements. This is the battle between the high priest of the Philistine god Dagon, and Samson, as the representative of the Hebrew God.

In conjunction is Samson's conflict with himself as his desire to submit to his passions, inflamed by Delila's wiles, battles his sense of duty and religious vocation.

Complementing the basic conflict is the Israelites' recognition, expressed throughout the production, that their conquest and oppression by the Philistines resulted from their own abandonment of God. This is implied in the biblical original of the story, but not as explicitly expressed as in Saint-Saens' version.

Not bad for a self-proclaimed atheist.

Samson's references to his own dereliction of duty abound, occasionally reinforced by a somber tallit-clad Hebrew elder.

The Jews themselves, toiling under the hand of oppression — indeed, a big black hand is painted on the curtain that opens on Act II — ascribe their plight to their abandoning of God. No cries of teshuvah could be more obvious.

"He chastised us in His anger because we forsook His ways" (Act I scene 4), says the Old Hebrew, Saint-Saens' personification of faith, tradition and authority.

The opera opens with the people, a chorus, praying for relief from oppression. They pronounce the identical sentiments expressed in Tisha B'Av, Selichot, and fast day services: "You turned Your face from us, and since that day we have been accursed." Hester panim, God's hiding His face, is the exact concept invoked in traditional Judaism to describe national calamities. The Old Hebrew's words provide the traditional answer to why these calamities took place.

The chorus continues with another traditional plea to God: "Could you allow the people that love you to be wiped from the face of the earth?"

In his debut, Samson expresses the clear recognition that he is the agent of God's grace, and that the people should rely on His protection in their uprising against the Philistines and have faith in Divine intervention — if they and he prove deserving. These pronouncements echo basic Jewish concepts thousands of years old.

Throughout the opera, Samson also expresses an awareness that his weakness for Delila is the flaw in his character that he must resist, or risk forfeiting his life, his calling, and perhaps the entire fate of the Jewish people.

The supreme threat to the Israelites is not the Philistines' swords — these are no match for an inspired leader — but the Philistines' women.

The Royal Opera production of Samson et Delila, with its sets and costumes, underscored for this reviewer a central point of Saint-Saens' opera: Samson is the personification of the Jewish people.

The video, marketed in Toronto by Studio International — (416) 967-3891 or 1-800-268-1121 — is appropriate for individual or party home viewing, and for gift giving.

Richard Grant and Paul McGann portray struggling actors in 1969 London in the comedy Withnail and I.

Superb performances enhance wickedly funny Withnail and I

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Bruce Robinson is a talented man. Having produced the script for *The Killing Fields*, that highly acclaimed film, he has now written and directed the wickedly funny *Withnail And I*.

The humor in Withnail is very clever, occasionally brutal, and always literate. It will undoubtedly be one of the funniest films of the season.

It is 1969, and two down-at-the heels London actors, Marwood (Paul McGann) and Withnail (Richard Grant), finally realize they're due for a change. They're out of work, they're miserable, and the flat they share in scruffy Camden Town is incredibly filthy.

The pair, who live on little else but drugs, cigarettes, liquor and lots of hope, decide to leave town. As Marwood, the sensitive, kindly one, puts it: "We need to get out of it for a while. Get into the countryside and rejuvenate."

Withnail, a hardbitten, cynical, opportunistic type, secures the loan of a cottage from his uncle Monty (Richard Griffiths), an effete, anti-semitic upper-class homosexual.

In pouring rain, in a battered old Jaguar, Withnail and his friend drive into the British countryside, and are immediately faced by two major problems upon gaining entry to the dilapidated house — no heat and no food.

In a series of brilliant vignettes, they discover, to their disgust, that rural people are really no better than city people. And Marwood, to his horror, belatedly finds out that the corpulent Monty is under the false impression that he, too, is gay.

The performers are, in a word, superb.

With his choir boy face and angelic eyes, McGann is like a sprightly spirit in a dank universe. Grant, dissolute and pale, is the epitome of total debauchery. Griffiths, his face growing redder and puffier as he anticipates a roll in the hay, is by turns eccentric and ribald.

Ralph Brown, portraying a spaced-out drug dealer, personifies everything that was wrong and self-deceitful about the 1960s drug culture.

Now playing at Canada Square, *Withnail And I* is both zesty and sorrowful, a fitting ode to a tumultuous decade that now seems a little unreal.

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By VIVIENNE MUHLING 422-2331

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Arts

Sequel called better, funnier, more self-assured

Richler's Jacob Two Two returns with a dinosaur

By
JOEL YANOFSKY

MONTREAL —

When Mordecai Richler's first children's book was published in 1975, it seemed like an improbable undertaking for a writer whose literary reputation was based on his uncompromising and often scathing view of contemporary society. After all, how many parents would want Richler as a penpal for their kids?

A lot, as it turned out. Jacob Two Two and the Hooded Fang was an unqualified success, selling 30,000 copies in hard cover (more than any of Richler's "adult" novels) and 150,000 copies in paperback. It was also produced as a musical and adapted as a movie.

The inspiration for the book originated with a promise Richler made to his five children that he would write something suitable for them to read. However, if he was going to fulfil that promise, he was going to be sure to do it his own way:

"In contemporary children's stories parents were never hungover or short-tempered and the kids were generally adorable. I decided if I ever got to writing a book for my kids its intention would be to amuse. Pure fun, not instruction, is what I had in mind," Richler said in an essay about the writing of Jacob Two Two and the Hooded Fang.

So there was never any secret about the success of Richler's first children's story: it was "pure fun." Inventive, witty and satirical, the story of a 6-year-old boy who says everything twice just so he will be noticed and who becomes a champion for the cause of child power was imbued with the same qualities that distinguished Richler's best fiction.

Twleve years later the sequel is proof, if any was needed, that the first book was not an accident. In fact, Jacob Two Two and the Dinosaur (McClelland and Stewart, $14.95) is even better — funnier and more self-assured.

As the title suggests, Jacob Two Two, Richler's put-upon but irrepressible little hero, is back. Although he is 8 now and able to dial a phone and catch a ball, he is still teased and tormented by everyone bigger and older than he is — which is everyone in the book.

Life is no picnic for Jacob Two Two. Beset by daily problems that include four "snooty" siblings, a teacher named "Miss Sour Pickle" and an insufferable aunt, he is happiest when he is playing with his pet, Dippy, a green lizardlike creature his father smuggled into the country in a cigar box following a trip to Kenya.

Dippy, however, soon outgrows his cigar box; soon he is "as fat as an elephant and high as a giraffe." There is a logical explanation: Dippy is really a diplodocus, a prehistoric dinosaur who was saved from extinction when he was frozen in a block of ice beneath the earth's surface. Revived by an earthquake, he literally fell into the lap of Jacob's father.

It is only a matter of time before Dippy's unusual appearance attracts unwanted attention. At the family's summer cottage, Dippy follows Jacob to the Certified Snobs' Golf and Country Club where he innocently startles the guests at a luncheon honoring the pompous, ambitious scientist, Prof. Wacko Kilowatt. An enraged Kilowatt plots his revenge.

Enlisting the support of Canada's prime minister, Kilowatt intends "to bomb the beast into oblivion." Determined to save his oversized friend, Jacob sets off with Dippy across Canada. Headed for freedom in the Rockies, they are pursued every step of the way by Kilowatt and his assorted flunkies and yes-men.

The friendship that develops between Jacob and Dippy is charming but never sentimental. Dippy is no cute, cuddly E.T. He overeats, whines, breaks wind and is full of self-pity. Jacob, for his part, is a loyal, brave friend, but he also misses his family and would rather be home with them than travelling across the country with a prehistoric cry baby.

The journey and the chase, however, are incidental to the fun Richler has along the way, mainly at the expense of the self-important adult world. The message to kids is clear: don't trust grown-ups just because they are grown-up. In fact, they are just as prone to fibbing, cheating and behaving childlishly as children are.

In novels like The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz, Richler has had good success hitting the targets he has aimed at and Jacob Two Two and the Dinosaur is no exception, even if, in this case, the arrows have a rubber tip. Take, for example, this irreverent but curiously familiar portrait of the Right Honorable Prime Minister:

"On awakening each morning, Perry Pleaser, even before he brushed his teeth, would hug himself and kiss his reflection in the mirror. He wanted all the people to love him at least as much as he loved himself, which was proving very, very difficult."

The charm of the book is that Richler never writes down to children and he never worries about educating or preaching to them. The result is a story that transcends the limitations of the genre — a story that will be just as appealing and entertaining for its adult readers as it will be for its younger audience.

Maimonides is central to both

Books assist grasp of Torah

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Two new books reflect a couple of the Torah's reputed 70 facets, countless meanings and applications through time and space.

The Teachings of Maimonides, by Jacob Minkin (Aaronson Publishing, $40), is a reprint of the 1957 classic curiosly updated in the introduction. Emmett: A Step by Step Guide to Emotional Maturity Established Through Torah, by Miriam Adahan (Philipp Feldheim, US$15), is a manual for interpersonal relationships and emotional growth based on the fundamentals of Judaism.

In a Jewish-Arab conference on Maimonides to commemorate the 850th anniversary of his birth, reports World Jewish Congress vice-president Arthur Hertzberg, a Kuwaiti scholar argued that Maimonides converted to Islam.

A Cairo University professor leapt in his discussion from 12th century academic conditions to a call for a Palestinian state "in which Jews, Christians and Moslems can once again live under Arab protection."

The conference, conceived by the WJC, took place in December, 1985, at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. The U.S. and Britain withdrew from this UN agency because of its anti-West propaganda and extravagant budget. Despite her own grievances with UNESCO, Israel attended the conference, to reduce its sense of "isolation," along with Spain, Pakistan, Cuba, India, and the Soviet Union.

The widespread interest in Maimonides, said UNESCO director general Mahtar M'Bow, stemmed from his position at the confluence of four cultures: Arab, Christian, Greek, and Jewish.

Regrettably Hertzberg chose to focus on details of Maimonides' career and significance — both fully covered in the 1957 preface by Jacob Minkin and in the text itself — than on the UNESCO conference. An expanded report would have been fascinating. As it is, enough details surface to suggest that Judaism's unparalleled halachic and biblical commentator may be well on his way to becoming a political football.

The text remains an excellent overview of Maimonides' life, ideas and commentaries. Minkin explores Maimonides' Mishneh Torah and Guide to the Perplexed with easy-to-read scholarship. Minkin often accompanies tract sections with his own concise explanations.

Maimonides is quoted often in Miriam Adahan's book on techniques for developing personal maturity.

For example, in his commentary on Hilchot Deioth 6:8, he recommends one of three responses to a verbal offence. "Remain silent if you cannot talk calmly and respectfully . . . or if you feel that talking would not improve the situation or be inappropriate.

Share the pain you feel with 'words spoken gently,' with no sense of superiority or vindictiveness, and only with the goal of keeping the other person from signing."

It could be argued that such a turn-the-other-cheek reaction could encourage the offending party further. Bullies are often more amenable to treatment in kind.

But then, civility and character — menshlichkeit, in Yiddish — are the goals of Adahan's book, and their development must start with at least one of the parties.

Principles from the Torah are employed to "teach greater awareness (in human relations) and emunah (faith) and bitachon (trust in God's wisdom) even in the midst of distress or loss."

Negative responses to irritating, annoying or greatly upsetting events are intricately analyzed. Alternatives are suggested to mitigate the objective situation and provide for personal growth.

Adahan is a practicing psychologist, who lives with her husband and four children in Jerusalem.

Shattered ideals theme of British Good Father

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Separation is a growing phenomenon in our affluent society, and those of us who haven't gone through it will no doubt find *The Good Father* of more than passing interest.

A British film starring the always solid and dependable Anthony Hopkins, *The Good Father* makes its point without much fanfare but with a great deal of empathy.

Bill Hooper (Hopkins) is a disillusioned London publishing executive in his mid-40s whose youthful ideals have been shattered. Having left his wife and small son, he feels lonely and isolated and angry. His life is out of joint. He lives in a miserable flat adjoining a busy expressway and, clad in black leather, he rides around town in a loud motorcycle.

At a party, he meets Roger Miles (Jim Broadbent), a vulnerable teacher whose wife has left him. Bill, feeling sorry for Roger and himself, strikes up a friendship with Roger and uses his predicament as an outlet for his own rage.

Roger's wife, Cheryl (Fanny Viner), is a 1960s radical, an ardent feminist and an open lesbian. She intends to move to Australia with their son and her female lover. Roger is heartbroken by the prospect, but feels powerless to stop them.

Bill, obviously seeking to exact vengeance on any woman for the fate that has befallen him, advises Roger to get a good lawyer and put an end to Cheryl's scheme. He also assures Roger he will defray his costs beyond a certain point.

The plan works brilliantly, and in the process, Britain's tragi-comic legal system is exposed. Mark Varda, the smart but unscrupulous lawyer who represents Roger in the custody battle, is played convincingly by Simon Callow.

The other members of the cast, including Bill's temporary girlfriend, Mary (Joanne Whalley), and Cheryl's hardbitten lawyer, Jane Powell (Miriam Margolyes), are also in good form. But Hopkins, in his usual world-weary manner, dominates the film.

You can't describe *The Good Father* **as a riveting picture, for it lacks the tension of a first-class drama. But it is workmanlike and it does engage a viewer in a social problem that needs more elaboration.**

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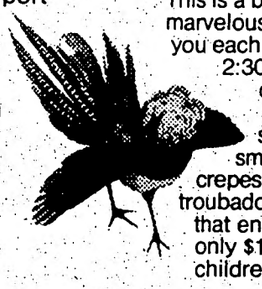

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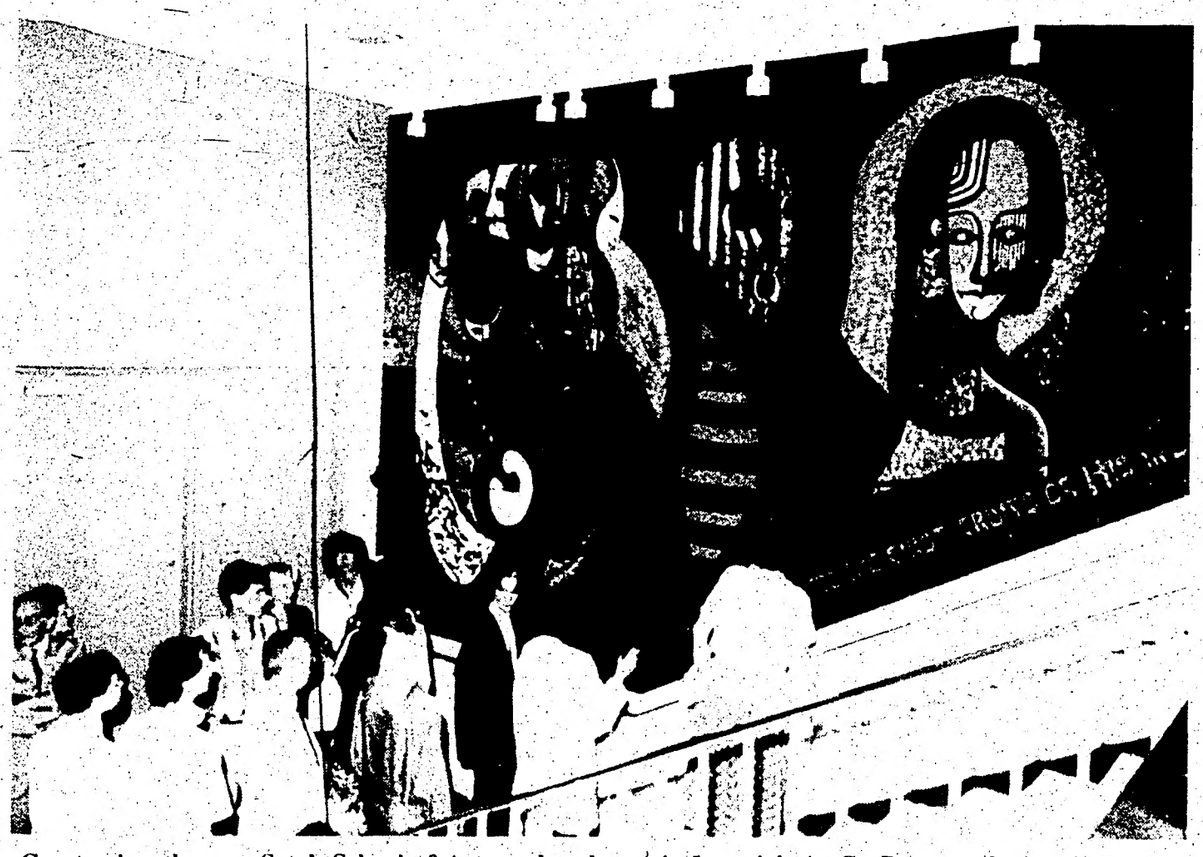

Guests view the new Satok School of Art-produced mosaic Jeremiah As Go-Between during dedication ceremonies at the North Jewish Community Centre.

Satok seeks school, JCC link

Mosaic's dedication staged

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
Artist and teacher Ron Satok surprised officials and guests at a recent performance-dedication of a mosaic project created by his students for the Jewish Community Centre by suggesting some form of merger between his school and the JCC.

Though his request for assistance was somewhat ambiguous, Satok clearly asked for JCC help in establishing expanded and permanent quarters for his school of the arts.

"Because we have been spiritually connected with the JCC, I'd like to see the Satok school join the JCC and have its own building, and its own centre.

The mosaic that resulted, *Jeremiah As Go-Between*, (also the title of the play) is the latest work by the Satok School of Arts to grace the JCC.

The gleaming, colorful mosaic composed of thousands of tesserae is mounted on the wall leading from the Koffler Centre for the Arts up to the North JCC's 2nd floor.

It looks down upon an earlier work by the Satok school, a painting by the artist and his students created for Disability Awarness Week in March 1986, hanging in the foyer. Like the earlier piece, *Jeremiah As Go-Between* was accompanied by a performance.

In this case, the school produced a play about the prophet Jeremiah and his attempts to reform the Jewish people.

The didactic performance, thoroughly realized with costuming, lights, makeup, and scenery, was shaped to express the theme of tolerance and understanding for the disabled.

Included in key roles were Satok, who lost his sight in 1978, and a young actor in a wheelchair.

The performance shared many of the visual elements of the mosaic, which places a series of colorfully abstract mask-like faces and figures on a field of gleaming black.

An inscription taken from the book of the prophet reads "In a land that was not sown Israel was holiness unto the Lord, and the first fruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the Lord."

It was the writings of Jeremiah that inspired Satok's original 1974 pastel on paper work that has been translated into the 20-foot mural. The school's "inconvenienced" students worked for six months to complete the mosaic.

Recalling the work and "courage" required by disadvantaged individuals participating in the performance and mosaic, an ecstatic Michael Satok-Wolman (the artist's son and director of public art at the school) said he felt "wonderful" about the results.

It was Satok-Wolman who came up with techniques to allow the young, disabled artisans to work on a long and tedious process and still feel a sense of personal accomplishment.

The goal of the school, said Satok-Wolman, was to create a work that would be indistinguishable from one created by abled-bodied artists.

"Art transcends the economic and ethnic elements and so too disabilities. This work on the wall only speaks of itself. (It proves) that this can be done."

Commenting on his father's request, Satok-Wolman said the school was looking for its own building. He noted that it has an excellent working relationship with other agencies such as the Metropolitan Toronto School Board, the Jewish Family & Child Service, and the Catholic Children's Aid Society.

Support for the creation of *Jeremiah As Go-Between* came from the Berman Fund, the ministry of citizenship and culture, and other foundations, companies and individuals. The play was directed by Jennifer Hagglund.

Project completed

"I want these people (the disadvantaged, many of whom attend the Satok School) to do what they want to do. I'm not willing to wait...I want all of them to be happy and able to fulfil themselves."

In his later remarks, Satok called for help from the JCC with organizing a building campaign to create a facility where his disabled students might themselves some day find vocation as teachers.

Responding to Satok's unexpected request, Orian Feldman, JCC community liaison director, said: "The Jewish Community Centre was very pleased with Mr. Satok's desire to affiliate with us. However, at this time a response would be premature."

The artist's surprising announcement capped, but did not detract from a professionally polished 20-minute performance at the Leah Posluns Theatre completing the project he first conceived of one year ago.

Ontario Arts Council assists Jewish groups

TORONTO —
The Ontario Arts Council recently approved over $8 million in grants to individuals and arts organizations throughout the province including a number of Jewish groups.

The Danny Grossman Dance Company of Toronto received $60,000 and $750 went to the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir. Writer Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Congregation Machzikei Hadas in Ottawa also received a grant.

Bulka was also recently appointed to the Ontario Advisory Council on Multiculturalism and Citizenship for a 2-year term.

The Arts Council is currently in the process of developing a 5-year strategic plan aimed at increasing the stability of financial support of the arts in the province. The plan will be presented to the members of the board by October.

In addition, staff members are working on proposals for the allocation of funds from a special one-time only grant of $2.25 million received from the ministry of citizenship and culture.

These funds will be used toward supporting individual artists and the development of management expertise. Details of these programs will be released by the end of September.

The council is an agency of the Ontario government, funded through the ministry of citizenship and culture. It comprises a decision-making body of 12 members who serve voluntarily on the board, appointed from across Ontario by order-in-council.

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The Toronto Symphony has launched a sweepstakes to help finance a fall tour of 13 centres in northern Ontario, Western Canada, and the far north including Fort McMurray, Whitehorse, Yellowknife and Inuvik.

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The Desrosiers Dance Theatre will perform two shows at the JCC's Leah Posluns Theatre, Saturday, July 18 and Sunday, July 19 at 8 p.m., capping a week-long workshop at the Koffler Centre School for Dance. Performances include dance, mime, tai chi, acrobatics, live music, and elaborate special effects.

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Mission to Israel to focus on art in the Holy Land

ST. LOUIS —

A unique travel opportunity will be available Nov. 1-11 to anyone with an interest in art and/or Israel, in the First Annual Israeli Art Mission, sponsored by the Leadership, Education and Development Foundation.

The mission will cover the full history of art in the Holy Land, while paying particular attention to works currently being created by such internationally recognized artists as Agam, Ben Zvi, Weil, Sharir, Kadisman, Safdie and Oz.

The trip will give participants access to works in museums, galleries, park settings, archeological sites and libraries and the opportunity to meet many of the prominent and rising painters, sculptors, architects, writers, performers and fine craftspeople themselves.

Highlights of the Art Mission will include visits to the most important museums in Israel, such as Tel Aviv Museum, Beit Hatefutsoth (Diaspora Museum), Mishkan Leomanut at Kibbutz Ein Harod, Israel Museum, Yad Vashem, and the Museum for Bedouin Culture; mystical Safed, where the latest addition to the Israeli art scene is thriving at the Ethiopian Handicraft Centre; Masada and Beit Alfa, two significant archeological discoveries; and Ein Hod, an intriguing artists' village above the Mediterranean in the Carmel Range.

The group will also tour in Caesarea, Tiberius, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, visit Haifa, and traverse the Jordan Valley, making the mission a suitable trip for first-time travelers to Israel, as well as the veteran visitor looking for a different angle on the country, organizers say.

The one element that particularly distinguishes this program is the inclusion throughout the trip of open houses, individual and small group meetings with some of the country's top artists. These meetings will take place in the studios where they work, social settings, and in their homes.

In addition to a guide who will accompany the group throughout the 9-day program, art historians, curators and critics will provide the appropriate historical, cultural and aesthetic perspectives to help participants get the most out of what they will see. For example, at Masada, an expert in ancient mosaics will join the group, and a talk on the current art scene in Israel will lead off the Tel Aviv gallery tour.

For approximately the same cost as a typical Israel itinerary , $2,200 (U.S.), the First Annual Israeli Art Mission includes the standard features — round trip air fare between New York and Tel Aviv via El Al, transfers to and from the airport, deluxe accommodations (Tel Aviv Hilton, Dan Carmel, Haifa, Jerusalem Hilton); Israeli buffet breakfast daily; a guide licensed by the Israeli government; and touring in deluxe motorcoach — as well as expert guest lecturers at museums, galleries and Masada; six lunches and seven dinners, cultural events and receptions with artists.

Every attempt will be made to match the individual interests of mission participants with the disciplines of the artists.

Due to the special nature of the mission, group size is limited to enhance personal interaction with the Israelis. For a brochure or further information about the First Annual Israeli Art Mission and the Leadership, Education and Development Foundation contact LEAD at 1725 Old Gulph, Villanova, PA 19085, (215) 527-7621; 7323 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63130, (314) 432-5444; or 130 Broadmoor Dr., San Francisco, Calif. 94132, (415) 587-2149.

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The 2-week tour, which runs Oct. 5-19 departs New York and begins with a 4-day stay in Prague. The itinerary includes a tour to Terezin, site of the Nazis' model concentration camp, Theresienstadt. It is now a shrine memorializing the 141,000 Jews held there during its four years of operation.

Also in Prague, tour members will visit the oldest functioning synagogue in Europe, the Old Jewish Cemetery and the State Jewish Museum.

From Prague, the tour leaves for a 6-day stay in Moscow where it will visit such sites as Red Square, dominated by the colorful domes of St. Basil's Cathedral, the Kremlin Walls and Bell Towers and the Lenin Mausoleum. Included in the tour is a lively evening at the Moscow Circus.

After Moscow, the tour will spend five days in Leningrad visiting sites that include the famous Hermitage Museum, an evening of Russian folk dancing or ballet at one of Leningrad's theatres and an excursion into the countryside to the resort area of Petrodvorets on the Gulf of Finland to visit the Summer Palace of the czars.

The tour, based on double occupancy is priced at $1,795 (U.S.). single supplements are available at $325 (U.S.). The trip includes air, accommodations, sightseeing and all meals. More information is available from Zoe Starr Intravco Travel Centers, 211 East 43rd St., New York, NY 10017; or telephone (212) 972-1155.

Martyrs in Budapest Ghetto

In Budapest for the last four days of the tour, visitors will visit such places as the Jewish Museum, which stands on the site of the birthplace of Theodor Herzl; the cemetery where 2,000 martyrs who died in the Budapest Ghetto are buried in a mass grave; and the Jewish Cultural Center.

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And figures for present and future look even brighter

Israel almost reached 2 million tourists goal in 86

By
GREER FAY CASHMAN

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — If the October 1985 hijacking of the Achille Lauro had not occurred, Israel might have attained that elusive goal of 2 million tourists in 1986. Instead, the promising trend of 1985 was reversed last year, plunging the tourism industry into deep depression.

Nor did it help that United States President Ronald Reagan advised his fellow Americans not to travel to the Middle East.

But it was only a matter of time before the Americans got itchy feet again and lifted the industry in Europe and the Middle East back on to the road to recovery.

Now, according to current projections, incoming tourism to Israel in 1987 is likely to surpass the 1985 figures — and the outlook for 1988 looks even brighter.

Indeed, Israel's tourism minister Avraham Sharir confidently predicts that Israel will next year come closer than ever before to the magical 2-million mark.

"I'd like to see two million tourists here during Israel's 40th anniversary year," he says. "But if we don't get two million tourists next year, we will definitely get them at some period during the next five years."

Sharir and Tourism Ministry Director-General Rafi Farber have meanwhile been flitting around the world on goodwill missions to foster more interest in Israel as a tourist destination.

While Sharir has been the subject of much criticism for his frequent absences abroad, the personal contacts he makes with his counterparts abroad seem to be paying off.

Sharir talked tourism when he met Stuttgart Mayor Manfred Rommel on a visit to Germany recently.

And tourism was again on the agenda when Rommel — a firm friend of Israel and son of the World War II "Desert Fox," Field Marshal Erwin Rommel — called on Sharir during his recent visit to Jerusalem last month.

It is no accident that Stuttgart will be the first of 40 German towns and cities to host an Israel Week next February with the aim of increasing German tourism to Israel.

Rommel's plans for the event lend weight to Sharir's contention that tourism is the key to Israel's economic independence.

Within the framework of Israel Week, Rommel is planning to hold an economic congress with the aim of boosting German-Israel trade and German investments in Israel.

On a purely tourist level, he tells his people, "You should go to Israel at least once in your life and see that all those places exist, and not only in the Bible . . ."

It is undeniable, of course, that the Bible, more than any other source, has inspired tourism to Israel. According to Sharir, fully 80% of the tourists who visit Israel make a point of visiting biblical sites.

"That's what makes Israel a unique tourist attraction," says the minister. "No other country can compete with us on holy sites. That — and our modern resort facilities — means that tourists who come here get a two-for-the-price-of-one bargain."

There are many tourists who do not agree that they are getting any kind of bargain when they visit Israel and, in fact, complain that everything is too expensive.

Sharir does not argue when the complaint comes from individual foreign tourists, but for those on group tours, he insists, Israel is an absolute bargain.

Realistically or not, the tourism minister believes that it is wrong to think about price all the time.

"What I'm concerned about is the quality of the package," he says. "Israel has to become the best. We have to give the best service, we have to construct the best hotels and we have to prepare the best infrastructure . . . ."

Over the past few years, "there has been a big improvement, but we have to strive for more."

Next year — Israel's 40th anniversary year — the tourism ministry is mounting, in addition to its regular promotional efforts, intensive campaigns in Europe and the United States.

In the United States particularly, the ministry's representatives are leaving no stone unturned in their determination to mobilize the Jewish community to travel to Israel.

A special $1.3 milion budget has been set aside for additional promotion among Jewish communities scattered throughout North America.

Sharir is confident that by the end of the campaign, the message will have gotten across: "We have the product, we have the people and," he says, "we can be the best."

California's Maple Leaf Days expanded to four full months

SACRAMENTO — California's Maple Leaf Days promotion during January and February was so successful that it will be expanded to a full four months, beginning Nov. 1, and running through Feb. 29, 1988, the California Office of Tourism has announced.

"Maple Leaf Days is our way of saying thank you to the 700,000 Canadians who visit California anually, and we are delighted it has been so well received," said Flo Snyder, director of the tourism office.

"Since its inception in January, 1985, as Maple Leaf Month, the promotion has continued to grow, providing Canadians that extra incentive to travel to California," Snyder added.

During the promotion, more than 650 California lodging facilities, attractions, sightseeing services, and transportation companies offered discounts of 20% or more to Canadian visitors.

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$499,900. Decorator's flair for a sensational new townhome. Private garden w/o lower level. Bright & spacious floor plans. Heddy Balug/Barbara Barker, 449-2020.

BATHURST/EGLINTON! CEDARVALE!!
$495,000. Completely updated 5 bdrm on lovely lot! Main floor den & powder rm. Finished lower level, central air! Gorgeous new pool! Terry Moranis, 449-2020.

BEST BUY AT YORK MILLS-BANBURY!
$429,500. Quiet street & every perk you need in a home! Big hall, new kit., fam. rm. CAC, 5th Bdrm. in fin. basement. 4 baths. Great gdn. Don LePage, 449-2020.

VERY BEST VALUE IN LAWRENCE PARK
$419,000. Spacious south garden with charming 3 + bdrm. 2 f.p./s, fin. rec. rm., main fl. powder rm. Close to Toronto French and Glendon!! Carolyn Hogg, 487-4343.

CABBAGE TOWN — NEW TOWNHOUSE
$279,500. Just listed, quality built 3 bdrm. with private drive & garage. 3rd floor master suite with fireplace, custom finishes. Allan Consky, 487-4343.

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90 FISHERVILLE — PRESTIGIOUS COURTLAND
2 bdrms. + cozy fam. rm., many upgrades. 24-hr. sec. Reduced to $178,900. Call now!! Try your offer. Helen Gould, 886-1200 (24-hr. page).

COURTLAND — FIREPLACE!
2 bdrms. + den. + sunrm. Sub-penthouse, S. exposure; must be seen! Lynne Freedman, 886-1200 or 884-1374.

PROMENADE!
1-bdrm. + den on 15th flr. Magnificent view of city! 5 appl.! Lynne Freedman, 886-1200 or 884-1374.

"NEW HOMES" AT BATHURST & STEELES
Custom-built from 3,000 to 3,500 sq. ft., incl. Scarlett O'Hara staircase. Walk to new synagogue. Excell. loc. Sarah Yarmus, 886-1200.

REAL ESTATE

1 Houses For Sale

ALAN UNGERMAN REALTY LIMITED REALTOR — 731-7111

BATHURST-STEELES — DESIGN "SAVVY"
Just listed! Dramatic 4 bdrm., "Sherwood Green," inviting entrance, cathedral ceiling, great for entertaining. Landscaped lot, extras galore! $349,000. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — UPSCALE DESIGN!
A real showplace on quiet crt. 4 bdrms., fin. bsmnt., sep. nanny's qtrs., $$ in extras. Act fast! Reduced. Marilyn Ray, 731-7111.

SPRING FARM — BARGOON!
Loaded! Spacious 3 bdrm., fam. rm., premium lot, fin. bsmnt., spa-sauna, Jacuzzi, designer decor. Must be seen! Robin Korman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-CHABAD GATE — NEED ROOM?
Super 4 bdrm., fin. bsmnt., mn. flr. fam. & laundry, air, appls., dble. gar., value++. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — HIT PAYDIRT!
Super 4 bdrm. Huge master, mn. flr. fam., dble. gar., priced to sell! $229,000. Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — VALUE APLENTY!
All brick, 3 bdrm., lg. fam. rm. with firepl., huge kitch., many upgrades, ceramics, dble. gar. $218,000. Bev Ross, 731-7111.

BATHURST-PROMENADE — LOCATION!
Great 3 bdrm. + den, sunken liv. rm., open concept kitch., fabulous home near everything! $212,000. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-CHABAD GATE — TRY AN OFFER!
Reduced! "Sparkling" 3 bdrm., fin. bsmnt., gorgeous kitch., upgrades, near all amenities. Vendor bought! Bev Ross, 731-7111.

VENDORS BOUGHT! — TRY AN OFFER!
Spacious 4 bdrm. semi, panelled den & rec rm., fin. bsmnt., $199,900. Becky/Gerry Wener, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — TOWNHOUSE
Super opportunity for 1st time buyer! 3 bdrm., fin. bsmnt., den, parquet flrs., move-in cond. Dillon Jones, 731-7111.

BATHURST S. OF STEELES — SEMI BUNG.
Absolutely immaculate. 3+ bdrms., 2 4-pc., potential in-law apt., updated, near all amenities. Reduced! Andy Reti, 731-7111.

BATHURST-TORRESDALE — SAVE BIG!
Reduced! Fabulous + spacious 4-bdrm. townhome, fin. bsmnt., fireplace, 2 car pkg. appls., air, more. Try an offer! Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-ANTIBES — PRICE SLASHED!
Bargain! Lg. 3 bdrm. townhouse, fin. bsmt., firepl., appls., extras! Vendor anxious. Try an offer! Becky Wener, 731-7111.

BATHURST MANOR — SUNSHINY SPLIT!
Magnificent 3 bdrm., white updated kitch., oak-stained floors, w/o from fam. rm., dble. gar., move in cond. Becky Wener, 731-7111.

BATHURST-WILSON — HONEST VALUE!
2 storey, 4 bdrm., spacious mn. flr. fam. rm., firepl., new kitch., super lot. Vendor's bought! Robert Samery, 731-7111.

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***BATHURST & STEELES**
Fabulous open concept. 4 bdrm. Greenhouse kitchen. 5 appliances. 3 baths. Family room. Thousands in extras. Joe Salomon 226-9770.

***ANTIBES — CASTLE IN THE SKY**
3 bdrrms, balcony, enclosed eat-in kitchen, appliances. $1,000,000 rec centre. Joe Salomon 226-9770.

***OVERBROOK-WILMINGTON**
Large 4-level complete finished sidesplit. Den, rec room, family room. Double garage +++ Joe Salomon 226-9770.

***CLARK & HILDA**
3 bdrm + fam. rm. CAC. Ceramic Fin bsmt Must sell! Vendor has bought. Call Mrs. Engel or Mr. Halpern 226-9770.

***STEELES & BATHURST**
4 bdrm townhouse Sunken living room. Backing onito expensive homes. Call Judit Engel or Shelley Halpern 226-9770.

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BATHURST S. OF LAWRENCE
Just listed — 3 bdrms., centre hall, 50-ft. frontage, walk to synagogue, shopping & Jewish school. $259,000. D. Abraham, 783-3333.

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Forest Hill REAL ESTATE INC. REALTOR 488-2875

***LOWER VILLAGE CHARMER!**
Stone Tudor Gorgeous treed lot. Oak trim and dark stained floors. Main floor family room. Garden room and powder room. 4 bdrm. 3 full baths on second. C.A.C. Garage. Totally updated. Priced to sell! $819,000. Eleanor Wagman 488-2875.

***LOWER VILLAGE GEORGIAN GEM!**
Gracious centre hall. Eat-in kitchen. Large library with fireplace. 5 bdrms. 3 baths. 2 powder rooms. C.A.C. Dble garage. $779,000 David Wagman 488-2875.

***ALEXANDRA WOOD $659,000**
Delightful family home on choice street. Den and family room on main. 4 bdrms on second. Large master with sep dressing area and en suite. Finished lower level. Garrage. Eleanor Wagman 488-2875.

***FOREST HILL REDUCTION!**
Beautifully renovated. Deluxe ki[SOLD]. Main floor family room, powder room and laundry. 4 bdrms on 2nd. Excellent value! $479,000 Jeffrey Wagman 488-2875.

***LUXURY CONDO PENTHOUSE $469,000**
Walk to Yorkville. Marble fireplace. Roof-top garden. Hardwood floors. Full sec. 2 bdrms + gym studio. W/skylite. Award-winning! Marg Hutchisonn 488-2875.

***9 UNITS BLOOR-AVENUE ROAD**
Immediate purchase. Vacant Aprril '88. Vendor assist. Reno plan. Lane and pkg. $449K Brenda Thomson 488-2875.

***NEW LISTING 981 MT. PLEASANT RD.**
$229,900. 3 bdrm semi. Mint condition. Large family kit. Sherwood pkg Zoned for Med-Prof office. Marg Hutchison 488-2875.

DESPERATE VENDOR!!
2-2 bdrm units. 2 pkg. $197,000 John Thomson 488-2875.

***BATHURST & WILSON REDUCED!**
Vendor says "sell" Immediate poss for this 2 bdrm home. 2 kit. Pr drive Cindy Berrk 488-2875.

***SELL OR RENT YESTERDAY**
Vendor desperate. Unionville T.H. $25,000 less than comparable. Renovated. Vacant. B. Thomson 488-2875.

***VILLAGE GATE RENTAL $1,800**
New phase II Aug. 1. Dove grey and white. Courtyard level. Marg Hutchison 488-2875.

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***QUEEN-LANSDOWNE DUPLEX — INCOME SEMI!**
Beautiful reno! Central air. 3-4pc washrooms. Good investment. Marry Bronstein 665-4934.

***BATHURST-NEPTUNE CONDO — 1ST TIME OFFERED!**
3 bdrm condo apt. 2-4pc washrms. 4 appliances. Laundry en suite. 2 balconies. Convenient to shopping and TTC. Rose Simon 633-7777.

***PROMENADE CONDO — VERSAILLES MODEL!**
Move right in! 1,400 sq. ft. 2 bdrms. Southeast exposure. Huge living and dining rooms. Solarium. Tremendous value at $204,900. Jerry Potok 633-7777.

***BATHURST-WILSON PRICE REDUCED!**
Immaculate 3 bdrm bungalow. Upgraded income bsmt with sep entrance. 2-4pc washrms. W/O to patio. New high efficiency furnace. Attached garage. Rose Simon 633-7777.

***TRUE VALUE! BATHURST VILLAGE PRICE REDUCED!**
Make offer! $329,000 Spacious sidesplit on quiet street. 4 bdrms on one level. Master en suite. Large kitchen with w/o. Huge family room - stone fireplace with w/o. Over 3,000 sq. ft. + fin lower level. Central air. Double garage. Many built-ins! Vendor bought! Must be sold! Goldie Kay 635-6677.

***SPRING FARM SIZZLER! $199,000 OWNER MUST SELL!**
Reduced for fast sale! 3 bdrm. 2 storey. Quiet cul-de-sac. On large lot. Lower than market value! Steps to Kosher shopping, community centre and all amenities. Terrific deal. Jerry Potok 633-7777.

***BATHURST-FINCH LUXURY 2 STOREY SEMI!**
7 large rooms, 3 bdrms, 3 washrms. Bathroom en suite. W/O from ground level bsmt. Den on main floor with balcony. Central air. 4 appliances. Priced for quick sale! Jerry Potok 633-7777.

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BATHURST & CLARK
3 bdrm., det. home, professionally decorated, many upgrades, seconds away from new synagogue. Shows to perfection. Asking $199,500. Open house — Sunday, July 12. 2-4. Call Steve Tcherkezian 221-5599. REALTY UNLIMITED INC. RLTR.

UNIONVILLE SPECIAL CENTRALLY LOCATED
Spacious & gracious 2-storey on 50x133' extensive landscaped lot. Features: 4 bdrms. + family rm. w/open brick fireplace & walkout. Other features include: dbl. door entrance, centre hall, oak staircase, c.a.c. & central vac., dbl. garage + much more. Priced right — won't last. Vendor bought. Mr. Santee Leung, 441-2003, 24 hrs. on call + pager, any day.

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$439,900 Elegant, Spacious Suite in Desirable Tridel Bldg. "YES" We have a Balcony Too! Rita Griffith 443-0300.

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$349,900 Don Mills/Steeles w/o From Fam. Rm., Hollywood Kit., Great Closet Space, Safe Quiet Cres. Makes this a Perfect Home for Your Family, Act Fast, W. Cooper 221-5515.

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$317,900 Keep the Place Clean Easily, The Mud Rm. is on the Mn. Flr., 4 Bdrm. Family Home, Master Ensuite, Fin. Bsmt-Stained Oak, Air Cond., Great Value, W. Cooper 221-5515.

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$269,900 Promenade Mall Arera, 3 Large Bdroms., Eat-In Kit. & w/o Patio & Pool, Fam. Rm. Frpl., K. Kolber 487-7101.

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$184,900 2 Bdrm. $ Den, Fireplace, Balcony! Beautiful Neutral Decor, "JUST MOVE IN", Rita Griffith 443-0300.

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$179,900 Spac. 2 Bdrm. Overlooking Parkland — Sub Penthouse, Eat-In Kit., Utility Rm., Master Ensuite, You'll Love it When you See It! Hurry — Call Warren Cooper 221-5515.

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"CEDARVALE" ABSOLUTELY BEST VALUE
$359K — Renovated 2 storey with super main floor. Separate living & diningrrm with bay window & f/p. White custom kitchen with breakfast room addition & w/o to deck + adjacent family rm. New 4 pc., 2 pc.. bath. Fin. recrm. Bruce Smith.

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$449K— Unusual Open Concept Renovation
2 Storey, 7 room with partially finished skylit 3rd. floor. Modern kitchen with breakfast counter and pass-through to diningrm & w/o to custom deck with circular staircase to patio. 24 ft. den/study with builtins & greenhouse windows. Fin. lower level with w/o to enclosed patio. Stone f/p., 4 pc. & 2 pc. Private drive, att. garage. Bruce Smith.

"CEDARVALE" • SOMETHING OLD SOMETHING NEW
$375K - 4 BEDROOM TUDOR
Perfect blend of old world charm & modern decor. Double leaded French doors, stone f/p, wainscotting. Modern white kit. with w/o to deck. Skylit 4 pc., 3 pc. & 2 pc. bath. 5 appliances. Bruce Smith.

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MAGNIFICENT BATHURST MANOR
Bldr's. own home. 7 bdrms., 3 kitchs., 5 wshrms., self-contained apt., CAC, ravine lot, 4,700 sq. ft., **immaculate**. Must be seen! $535,000. Miriam Ciobotaru, JAKOBS REALTY INC. RLTR., 440-1414.

REAL ESTATE

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***AFFORDABLE 105 LAWRENCE AVE. W.**
Open Sat & Sun 2-4 p.m. 3 bdrm 2 storey semi. P. Altman 221-6069.

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2,000 sq. ft. Freehold. Shows like a model. Close to all amenities. P. Altman 221-6069.

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YONGE & FINCH
Elegant 2 storey condo. 2 bdrm, 2 en suites. Direct subway + health club access. One duplex apt #107. Weekend 2-5 p.m. Sylvia Drews 221-6069.

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Live in luxury at 1 Duplex Avenue #111 Finch & Yonge. 3 bdrm, 2½ baths. Marrble fireplace. 2 decks. Sat & Sun 2-5 P.M. Glenna Bornstein 221-6069.

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3 bd. det. with att. gar., excellent exposurre.
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Lux. triplex, 2-3 bdrm & 1-1 bdrm. apts., balconies, bath ensuites, garages. Don't miss. 633-7373.

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2 storey, 3 bdrm., 3 bths., lg. kitch., fam. rm., w/o bsmnt., dble. drive gar. 633-7373.

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BATHURST-STEELES
New 4 bdrm., 2 storey. 3 bths, liv/din combined, fam. rm., firepl., w/o, low priced for quick sale. 633-7373.

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BAYVIEW-SHEPPARD
4 bdrm. semi, modern kitch., liv/din comb., 2 bath, rec rm., steps to all. 633-7373.

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BATHURST MANOR
Det. sidespl., 5 bdrms., completely fin. bsmt., lge. kit., firepl., 4 baths. Call Keith Harty, 224-0801.

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BAYVIEW & 16TH/YONGE
Lge. lot. 99x155 ft., w. existing bung., potential office/medical usage; in top area. Call Alex Levin, 224-0801.

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BATHURST & ELGIN MILLS
Brand-new home under construction, 4 bdrms., lge. kit., fam. rm. & libry.; 2,800 sq. ft.; July poss. Call Alona Zavetz, 224-0801.

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Lovely det. bung., lge. principal rms., ceramic flooring, completely fin. bsmt. w. sep. entr., potential in-law apt. Call Al Ginsberg, 224-0801.

YONGE & STEELES
Det. 2-stry. home, lge. kit., fam. rm. w. firepl., 4 bdrms., lge. pool-size lot; fully fenced; 2,707 sq. ft. Call Bryan Applebaum, 224-0801.

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YONGE-STEELES CONDO
2 bdrms., 1½ baths, w/out to balcony, appl., excellent investm't, reduced to sell. Call Len Zlotnikov, 224-0801.

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BAYVIEW/JOHN WILLOWBROOK
Det. 2-stry. on ravine lot, 4 bdrms. + fin. bsmt. & maid's qtrs. $379,900. Anne Eidlitz, 224-0801.

Allan Brown R.E. (Ont.) Ltd.
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1 Houses For Sale

***BATHURST & FINCH**
Walk to TTC, schools and shopping. 4 bdrm 1½ storey home in quiet neighborhood. 60' lot. Hardwood floors. $229,900. Call D. Goldstein 731-3433.
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2 Houses For Sale Private

Bathurst/Steeles - Fantastic Reduction, must sell. 2,900 sq. ft., 4 large bdrms, main floor family room & laundry room, 3 baths, circular oak staircase, ceramic tile throughout, central air, numerous upgrades. Excellent location near schools, synagogues, shopping centres. $259,000. 613 York Hill Blvd. 738-4575 or 886-1248. Absolutely No Agents.

Exceptional Value!!!
Bright comfortable home near Bathurst/Eglinton, minutes to subway. Four bedrooms (one is a tandem). Family room, living, dining & kitchen with breakfast area all on main floor. Semi finished basement. Firm price $329,500. Positively No Agents. 782-8994.

3 Houses For Rent

Bathurst-Steeles - Stillwater - luxury 3 plus 1 bedroom, 4 bathrooms, C/A, garage, July 15. $1,450.00 plus utilities. No Pets. 665-1874.

5 Condominiums For Sale

Private Sale - 7601 Bathurst, P.H. 11 - 2 bdrm bayside, 2 parking spots, lots of up-grades thru-out. $239,000. By appointment only phone 630-2376.

133 Torresdale at Hemispheres I - 2 bedroom condo, appliances, Florida room, 1½ baths. 781-4140.

CONCORDE PLACE
DON MILS & EGLINTON
Brand-new suites: 1-bdrm. or 1-bdrm. w/floor-to-ceiling glass solarium. Exquisite health spa + 24-hr. security. Fast access to downtown, etc. Easy financing, price right. Mr. Santee Leung, 441-2003, 24 hrs. on call + pager, any day.

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SKYMARK REVIEW
DON MILLS & FINCH
2-bdrm., or 2-bdrm. penthouse w/library, roof garden, skylights, sauna, jacuzzi. For details please call The Skymark Specialist, Mr. Santee Leung, 441-2003, 24 hrs. on call + pager, any day.

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ANTIBES DR.
3 bd. semi-det. townhouse, lg. rec. rm., laundry rm., all appls., immaculate cond. 221-6901. G. BARON, RLTR.

5 Condominiums For Sale

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TORRESDALE
1-2-3 bdrms. Have you any for sale? Call GEORGE BARON R.E. LTD. 665-3044.

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- **Hemispheres I - 3 bd., ground flr., S. Expos.**
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- **135 Antibes, 2 bd. + den**
- **Hemispheres II - 2 bd.**
- **7601 Bathurst - 2 bd.**
- **7420 Bathurst - 2 bd.**

YONGE-FINCH-SHEPP
- **Pavilion - 2 bd. S. View**
- **Madison - 2 bd. W. View**

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- **Promenade.** 2 bd., 2 bths., $199,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.
- **Conservatory.** 1,400 sq. ft., 2 bd./bths. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.
- **Hilda Ave.** 3 bd., 2 bths., $145,900. Andy Reti, 731-7111.
- **Bayview/#7.** 2 bd., 2 bths. April '88 poss. Vera Vadas, 731-7111.
- **Place Nouveau.** Yonge/Finch, 2 bd., 2 bths. Vera Vadas, 731-7111.

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CONDO 3 BDRMS. + DEN
Bathurst-Wilson. $159,900. Try offer. Beautiful 3 bdrm + den. Eat-in kit. 2-4pc baths, A.C., en suite laundry, broadloom, appliances. Mrs. Rybak 787-1712.

6 Condominiums For Rent

Bathurst/Promenade - Luxury 2 bedroom condo, 2 baths, solarium, parking. $1,250 monthly.

Promenade - New, 16th floor, 2 bedroom, 2 baths, 2 parking. Sept. 1/87. $1,250.00. 449-8177.

Hemispheres I at 133 Torresdale - 2 bedroom condo, 1½ baths, Florida room, appliances. 781-4162.

80 Antibes - luxury 2 bedroom, 2 baths, Florida room. July. 630-5982.

Bath-Steeles - 2 bd. $1,300
Torresdale - 1 bd. $995
Bath-Steeles - 2 bd. $1,450
Yonge-Shepp - 2 bd. $1,525
Yonge-Finch - 1 bd. $1,195
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The ultimate lifestyle, over 2,000 sq. ft. of luxury, 2 bdrm., 3 bths., solarium kitch., 5 appls., oak flrng., simply stunning. $2,350/mo. A. Wilson, 497-2700.

7 Condominiums For Rent/Sale

131 TORRESDALE
Lux. condo, 1,300 sq. ft., 2 bths., southerrn expos., park-like surroundings, security, all appls. incl., vendor will rent. $174,900 or best offer! Eli Goldstein/Felix Smolyar, JAKOBS REALTY INC. RLTR., 440-1414.

10 Accommodation Wanted

Room & Board for Jewish able & elderly gentleman. after 5:00 731-1840/731-1316.

Two responsible female students require 2 bedroom apartment, between St. Clair/Lawrence. Easy access to University subway. Call collect after 6:00 p.m. 1-627-7908.

11 Shared Accommodation

Male to share furnished house. Kosher Kitchen. Sheppard/Bathurst. 630-2179 mornings, after 9:30 p.m.

Working single male, 25, looking to share spacious 2 bdrm apartment. Must be neat, clean, non-smoker. Moishe 782-0964 evenings.

Shared accommodation - Articling student & his dog seek someone to share a large furnished apartment in the Annex, included fireplace, separate bathroom, antiques, washer-dryer & color t.v. $650.00 plus utilities. 534-2576.

13 Cottages For Rent

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JUNE'S COTTAGES
Lake Simcoe Resort
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One BD-1½BA., immaculate decorator furnished complete. Includes color T.V., stereo, free cable, washer/dryer, etc. 24 hour security, olympic pool, tennis, active clubhouse. From owner $38,500. Your mortgage payments are less than seasonal rental. I will transport you to & from airport. Call 305-733-6293 any eve. 5-7. Enjoy a good lifestyle.

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"We have them all"
High floor 2/2 $395,000
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Palm Beach, Fl. 33480
Joen Miller 305/686-5066

21 Israel Properties

Apartment - Haifa, Israel, Sept. 1-Oct. 15. Fridge, stove, sleeping accommodation for 3. Days 474-0462, Evenings 636-0736 Miriam.

22 Out-Of-Town Properties

MUSKOKA LAKE
GRAVENHURST
1 of a kind. 280' of prime shoreline. Beautifully landscaped lot. Shallow and deep water. Faces south. Older style custom built home, 4,000 sq. ft. on 2½ acres. 5 bdrms., 4 baths, dining rm., 2 marble fireplaces, huge rec room with full size pool table, sauna, large screened porch. All rugs and drapes. 2 boat houses, double garage. Many extras. Private. Must see! $600,000.
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Doctor links mind, money in new book

By MARK DODICK

TORONTO — Money — it's the source of our anxiety and happiness; worrying about it keeps us up nights, and managing it governs our days. Whether we are prosperous or poor, the bills in our billfolds and the coins in our purses are a constant concern.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could bring a little sanity to our often troubling financial behavior?

That is the goal of Dr. Norm Forman's recently released Mind Over Money Curing Your Financial Headaches With Moneysanity (Doubleday, $19.95).

Dr. Forman, a Toronto psychologist and broadcaster (Psychology Notebook on CKFM), states in the introduction: "Money, more than almost any other symbol, has shaped our consciousness, and has been a powerful influence on our personality development and our personal relationships."

The aim of his book is to integrate the financial with the psychological, an approach he says he has seldom seen developed by others, because "I think we're still afraid to talk about money.

"You can get countless books on money. My book is uniquely different (in that it) supplies the missing link — the psychological aspect, the person's views of money which he is not aware of."

People gain mistaken beliefs and distorted ideas about finances as they grow up, says Forman. "Later their early misconceptions interfere with sound money management, and these people turn out to be money neurotics."

Using detailed descriptions, case histories, and quizzes, he enables the reader to identify five basic types of persons with money hang-ups: misers, overspenders, money-obsessed, compulsive bargain hunters, and gamblers.

"People get into difficulties in this area because they equate money with powerful needs," he says.

But when they try to achieve security or power or independence with money, "then they are bound to fail on some level because money is not the original problem and won't remove the original problem."

In the second section, Forman sets forth a variety of what he calls "Green Therapies" from which the reader can choose to deal with money-related problems.

Among these are such general psychological therapies as psychodynamics, de-stressing and systematic relaxation. Also included are psychological flashcards which were developed by Forman.

The final section offers advice on such financial matters as budgeting, taxes, borrowing, credit and estate planning, which Forman gathered from experts.

Material throughout is presented in diagramatic or tabular form for the sake of clarity. Self-testing quizzes are included; passages are kept short and headed by short, quick identifiers; and the language is conversational — not the stuff from which textbooks are made.

The ideal outcome for someone reading his book, says Forman, would result in a saner match between their wants and needs and their financial realities.

It would "remove an element of the drivenness, the compulsiveness which brings in the neurotic element, that's the ideal goal."

Addressing Mind Over Money to a broad cross section of people, Forman said he would also like to see a greater emphasis on preventing money hangups in children.

Where feasible, he recommends that children be taught how to deal with money because the attitudes they form are carried into adulthood.

In addition to his book, Forman also runs money workshops. For more information, phone: (416) 463-5070 or (416) 967-4862.

Norm Forman

Business Outlook

CA discusses Ottawa's proposed changes

New sales levy said "bad news" for retailers

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The underground economy is in for a boom period if the federal government goes ahead with its plan to impose a new sales tax on goods and services.

This was the prediction made by Robert Kleinman of the accounting firm Zittrer, Siblin, Stein and Levine at a seminar on tax reform in Toronto recently.

"In Europe there are measures to deal with this kind of underground economy but it will probably take the Canadian government several years," he said.

Kleinman speculated that the federal sales tax will be at the 8% level so that combined with the Ontario provincial tax it will mean 15% added to the cost. To escape this some companies and individuals would keep no record of the transaction.

He agreed with comments of a retailer who sells fur coats that the sales tax change is "bad news" for the retailing business.

Another sector which would be badly hit by the sales tax change is house building, Kleinman said. The sales tax would not be paid on sale of resale homes but would be on sale of a new one. "This could harm the house building industry and have a bad effect on the economy," he said.

He suggested that firms and individuals should protect themselves by writing sales tax clauses into any agreements they currently make covering goods and services in case the sales tax comes into effect.

Canada followed the lead of United States in limiting deductions for entertainment and meals to 80%, said Steven Yaphe, senior tax partner and seminar chairman. This would also apply to conventions. He said he interpreted the change to mean that meals out of town, whether related to entertainment or not, would qualify as would hotel bills.

Yaphe noted that several changes affect the professionals who claims expenses for an office in their homes. To qualify in future, he said, the room must be in the principal place of business or used exclusively for clients or patients. Another change is that the professional cannot claim more expenses for that room than the income it produced.

Yaphe said overall the changes are more in the category of fine tuning than radical proposals. "In many ways I'm disappointed," he said. "I hoped that Mr. Wilson would have made an effort to simplify the Income Tax Act which is needlessly complicated and will be a burden for years to come."

He went on: "There is an apparent attempt to increase consumption taxes. I say apparent because we have no details. It is mind boggling that we have to have further delay."

Yaphe said he expected the cap of $100,000 on exemption from capital gains tax (instead of the $500,000 lifetime figure) would trigger many transactions to take advantage of the 1987 limit. "I advise a professional person to use cash for his practice and borrow to buy market securities."

Instead of being able to write off 100% of the cost of a Canadian film over two years, Yaphe said, the write-off rate after this year will be reduced to 30% and only 15% in the first year. He recommended that people interested in investing in films do so in 1987 before the new policy takes effect.

The proposals on capital cost allowances on cars are more complex than they need be, he said, adding "it's forcing us to be bookkeepers." Only the frst $20,000 is eligible, and the same applies to leasing.

If you borrow money to buy a car, only $250 a month is eligible for allowance. If you use a car more than 10% of the time for personal reasons you can only deduct 20% of what you deducted previously.

The system of forward averaging will be eliminated in 1988, he noted.

He expressed displeasure that Ottawa will not require tax deductions at the source on its new rates until July 1, 1988. "I don't know why the government can't get their act together sooner. The only reason I can think of is that it means more revenues . . . in this period."

Stephen Landau, another panelist, said the Wilson proposals represent a significant reduction in the corporate tax rate from the current level of 30% to 23% eventually. He said companies will no longer be able to claim depreciation for the full year when the equipment is bought on the last day of the year.

There is a major change in how expenses for buying securities are treated, Landau said. Currently, commissions can be deducted but after 1987, such expenses and similar ones, and expenses in getting a loan, will be deducted only over a 5-year period.

If your income exceeds $200,000 you are better off to take dividends from your firm instead of salary, Landau said, but if your income is lower, you are better off taking a salary. This applies to companies which are not getting the benefit of small business rates.

Seen at the launching of the new IDF mobile fitness van are (from left) Col. David Gershtein, commander of the Combat Fitness Centre; Shmuel Kleiner, manager of the Bank Hapoalim Netanya branch; Ilan Shellef, chairman of the staff committee of Bank Hapoalim; Gen. Doron Rubin, commander of the IDF training department and Yosef Nevo, chairman of the Soldiers Welfare Association.

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Soldiers get mobile gym

NETANYA —

Israeli soldiers in farflung outposts will enjoy enhanced opportunities for physical fitness through a unique mobile gymnasium provided them by the employees and management of Bank Hapoalim.

The fully equipped physical fitness training centre housed in a heavy duty trailer truck has been designed to provide sports activities for up to 90 soldiers at one time, in and outside the vehicle.

Its facilities include various weights and exercise bars as well as basketball, volleyball and soccer installations attached to the van, among a host of physical training devices contained in this first mobile unit of its type built for the Israel Defence Forces.

The mobile fitness centre was made available for soldiers in the field through a donation of the Bank Hapoalim staff committee and management, arranged through the Soldiers Welfare Association.

It was inaugurated during a symposium for fitness training officers at the Army's Combat Fitness Centre at the Wingate Institute for Physical Education.

Gen. Doron Rubin, commander of the IDF's training department, who officially received the van, said that its true test will be in the wide use of the new fitness facility.

Col. David Gershtein, commander of the combat fitness centre here, said the unit provided new scope for extending sports and fitness to soldiers stationed almost anywhere.

Ilan Shellef, chairman of the staff committee of Bank Hapoalim stated, "We give with all our heart to the Soldiers Welfare Association each year, but this time we can actually see the results."

Representing management, Netanya branch manager Shmuel Kleiner pointed out that large numbers of the bank's 8,000 employees do reserve duty. "As we have been soldiers, so are our sons and daughters, and the availability of new facilities for health and sport in the army touches us personally."

Hapoalim's teen credit card a move to boost its market

TEL AVIV —

Isracard, a credit card issued by a subsidiary of Bank Hapoalim, will now be joined by a credit card for teenagers.

Young Isracard will be the first credit card for Israelis under the age of 18. This move is part of the bank's ongoing program to increase its share of the youth market.

Bank Hapoalim has permitted 16-year-olds to maintain their own Passim youth account for the past several years, which includes checking privileges and use of automatic teller machines.

Young Isracard can be used for the purchase of goods and services of up to $63 (I.S.100) per transaction, as well as limited automatic teller withdrawals.

At the same time, it was announced that one of Israel's largest store groups, the Shekem chain, will honor Isracard.

The 40 Shekem department stores throughout the country, designed especially to serve the families of defence and police personnel with outlets also open to the general public, will for the first time accept a consumer credit card.

The use of the card will not conflict with reductions customarily granted to many purchases to those eligible to shop at Shekem stores.

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White's Mother's experiences rapid expansion

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

Food has always been an important ingredient in Jerry White's life.

Small wonder when you consider that the boy who grew up to be president of Mother's Restaurants was ethnic communities — areas in which the aromas of fresh foods mingled with the very air you breathed.

White, who enjoys cooking in his leisure time, spent his childhood in the heart of Kensington, the soul of this city's Jewish area until the 1950s, and later his family moved to Oakwood and St. Clair — Toronto's Little Italy.

Even as a chartered accountant, he worked as director of strategic planning services at Laventhol & Horwath Management Consultants, the largest food service accounting firm in Toronto.

Together with two partners (Michael Martino of Hamilton and Glen St. John of Ottawa), last August, White bought Mother's, a publicly traded company whose head office is in Burlington.

White, who does a daily live business commentary of radio station CHFI at 7.30 a.m., says that the company will reach $120 million in sales this year.

Mother's began in 1970 as one restaurant in downtown Hamilton. Over the years, the company expanded and today there are more than 120 restaurants — including the newest at Steeles and Dufferin — with 6,500 employees from Vancouver to Charlottetown. Since the trio took over, on average one new restaurant has opened every two weeks.

The chain has two stores in Columbus, Ohio and White says the United States marketplace is one the company would like to move into more heavily. As well, this year, together thers, the company will open one restaurant in the United Kingdom.

About 80% of the restaurants are corporately owned and the rest are franchises. However, White, who has written more than 20 books on business including the only one on the merits of franchising, expects that by 1988 the percentages will reverse.

"I'm an advocate of franchising. It gives a chain the opportunity to capitalize on an individual's entrepreneurship. Often you see an immediate improvement in sales and profits."

Mother's will establish a franchise council to review marketing and procedures — "I believe in running a democratric system with open books. Any savings we get by volume buying, we pass on to them. As well, we have a target rate on our investment and we return the balance to the owner."

For instance, Coke syrup costs $9.25 a gallon but because of buying power, Mother's purchases it for $4. The difference is rebated in cash to the franchisees.

"We try to maximize the franchisees' profits and thereby maximize corporate profits."

The average full service restaurant costs $650,000 and the franchisee needs a minimum of $250,000 down.

"We work hard to generate a high rate of return for their investment," he said, adding that the restaurant is usually turning a profit for the [illegible] years.

The chain, which offers profit sharing, provides awards to top franchises for customer service and community involvement. These competitions reduce turnover and both motivate and ensure employees comply with Mother's standards of quality.

Restaurant operators and staff have no choice but to participate in community activities including fund raisers and the sponsorship of local baseball teams and a bowling league.

In Toronto, the chain is one of the major sponsors of the Jerusalem Pavillion at Caravan, Special Olympics, the Canadian Children's Foundation as well as supporting programs for seniors, battered wives and mentally disabled adults.

During its recent chain-wide pasta festival, $1 from every pasta order — 1 million pounds of pasta were sold for a total of $32,000 — was donated to Easter Seals.

White, who lives in Toronto with his wife Lilli, a lawyer, and their five children, travels 40 weeks of the year meeting new operators and helping them motivate their employees.

Mother's bases its reputation of warm, friendly service together with fresh quality food — "We're committed to quality and we won't compromise on it."

Jerry White

This philosophy means that pizza dough is made fresh at every unit every day. All toppings are fresh with no additives and the salad bar items have no preservatives to lengthen their lifespan.

"Nothing we produce isn't first class. Our meat balls are 100% beef with no additives. Our chicken soup is the highest cost item and runs over 50% of food cost," he said, adding that a bowl is priced at $1.79 and costs the company 85 cents to make.

As for the stigma of pizza being junk food, he counters that it offers more balanced nutrition than most people get at home. Mother's pizza, sales of which account for 45% of the chain's business, utilizes three basic food groups — carbohydrates (dough), vegetables (the all-natural tomato sauce with no sugar added) and protein (18% butterfat mozzarella cheese).

As 30% of sales are on pickup and delivery, Mother's researched and then designed packaging to minimize heat loss and to allow consumers to place the item directly in the oven if they choose not to eat right away.

White said the chain is researching a new line of entrees with an eye to expanding its menu — "people will call more often if they can get other things besides pizza and pasta."

He said Mother's salad bar will be expanded from its current 50 items to 100 items stretching across a 30 foot table.

The chain also creates private label brands for some restaurants and sells a variation of its sauces and other products to road houses. Profits from these enterprises are shared with franchisees.

Israeli citrus industry improves

TEL AVIV —

The Israeli citrus industry has experienced a recovery mainly as the result of the export success of a host of newly developed varieties and a weak dollar, according to a Financial Times story in The Globe and Mail.

The enthusiasm in Western Europe caused by trial exports of more exotic varieties and offshoots of the standard orange and grapefruit has played an important role in the rebound of Israeli citrus.

Until two years ago, the country's citrus exports consisted of only four types of fruit: oval-shaped Shamonti oranges, Valencia oranges, white grapefruits and lemons. This season, it exported 23 different brands.

The new varieties currently account for just over 10% of citrus exports, but recognizing their potential, the state-run Citrus Marketing Board has set as a key objective in its long-term program, an increase in the share to one-third.

The citrus board's results for the most recent season show a 16% increase in export earnings to close to $200-million (U.S.), and a similar jump in total sales to $335 million. Overseas citrus sales peaked five years ago at $247 million.

"We had a good year — a good crop and good earnings," said Reuven Eiland, citrus board chairman.

Compared with three years earlier, when overseas sales had fallen to $113-million, citrus has made a significant comeback.

Israeli farmers are greatly dependent on Western Europe for their exports, while their prices are calculated in U.S. dollars. Thus, they were hit hard by the dollar's strength in the early 1980s.

The blow was cushioned somewhat by a frost in 1984-85 in Spain, Israel's chief citrus competitor in the European market.

But, Eiland said, Israeli citrus earnings only really began to pick up last year, largely as a result of favorable changes in world currencies.

Although citrus fruits are still Israel's leading source of agricultural export revenues, their relative importance has declined considerably over the years.

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